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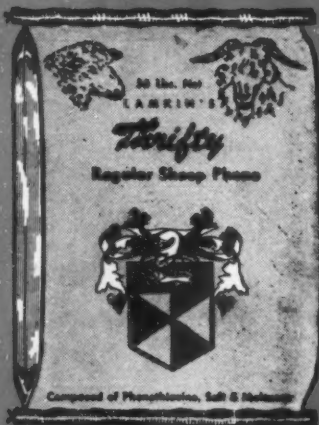
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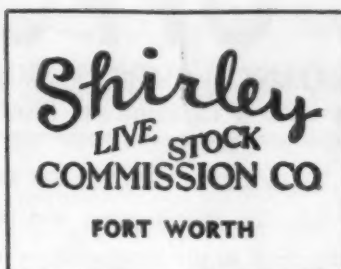
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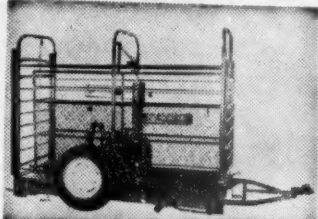
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ERNEST WILLIAMS
Executive Secretary

THE SPRING quarterly meeting of the TS&GRA directors will be held in Fort Stockton, Saturday, March 23, President Kincaid has announced. The City of Fort Stockton has made available for the meeting all the facilities of beautiful Rooney Park.

The three large committees and their sub-committees will meet in the Big Community House and Little Community House Saturday morning and the general meeting will be held in the larger house after the barbecue dinner which will be served under shade trees in the park.

The Fort Stockton people have planned lots of entertainment for the visitors, including a buffet supper and dance Friday night.

Because of the large tourist travel through Fort Stockton, the Chamber of Commerce recommends all who plan to arrive Friday afternoon or night to write for reservations immediately.

TEXAS AGRICULTURAL WATER COMMITTEE

TS&GRA members on the Texas Agricultural Water Committee met with the Texas Water Conservation Association in Austin March 4. Both committees have been watching the progress of water legislation before the present legislature.

TS&GRA members are J. B. McCord, Lance Sears and John T. Williams. President Kincaid and Secretary Williams also.

MEXICAN LABOR

President Kincaid and O. D. Dooley, Chairman of the Mexican Labor Committee, spent nearly a week in Washington about the middle of February trying with other user groups to get changes made in housing regulations recently set up by the U. S. Department of Labor.

The housing regulations which they attempted to get changed were prescribed by the U.S.D.L. earlier this year. It was the opinion of practically all who studied the regulations that many homes lived in by ranch people would not meet the minimum specifications and requirements.

Mr. Kincaid said that he felt certain that no ranchman would argue against providing good housing for the Mexican Nationals and most of them did provide good housing but that the requirements of the new regulations were very unrealistic and could not be met.

He and Mr. Dooley met with the other users from Texas and from several other states and drew up recommendations which were submitted to U.S.D.L. officials.

No official action had been taken when they left Washington.

NEW FEED LAW

After three years hard, intensive work on the part of this association, the cattle raisers, the Texas Farm Bureau and others in the feed manufacturing and distributing business it looks like the new feed bill will soon become law. It has been passed in each house with only minor amendments and is now awaiting action by the governor.

DROUTH WORK

President Kincaid and O. D. Dooley met with several Texas congressmen on the deferred grazing bill and other drouth measures while in Washington on labor business. The

Deferred Grazing bill passed the House of Representatives by a big majority and at this writing is still in a Senate Agriculture sub-committee. They were trying to get the limit of government assistance per ranch removed but did not receive too much encouragement that it would be done.

Congressmen visited were Representatives Poage, Mahon, Rogers, Ikard, Rutherford, Burleson and Fisher and Senator Johnson.

In Austin, Governor Daniel requested the railroads again to make the freight rate reductions applicable to all roughages, including cottonseed hulls.

NEW MEMBER

L. M. (Mick) Stephens, warehouseman and director from Lometa, got a large number of new members in his area last year and during the National Wool Growers Association Convention in Las Vegas he picked up a new member out there. He is Art Linkletter of "People Are Funny" fame. Art owns an 8,000-acre sheep ranch in Australia.

Mr. Stephens and Tom Ault, San Angelo, visited with Mr. Linkletter at the convention.

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EVERYTHING is in readiness for the 1957 San Angelo Fat Stock Show.

Officials of the show recognize that this year they will be operating under extreme difficulties. They point out that it is expected to be the last show to be held without the services of better facilities and a new coliseum. Exhibitors, workers and spectators are urged to keep this in mind and it is hoped that spectators' enthusiasm will reach the marked enthusiasm already evidenced by exhibitors. About 950 fat lambs have been entered in various classes—more than 200 Junior Rambouillet sheep; 53

Junior Delaine sheep; 475 Adult Rambouillets, and about 30 Adult Delaine sheep. In addition there are some 75 head of baby beef entered; 15 Herefords; 21 Adult Angus, and a sizeable entry list of poultry contestants. No registered Herefords will be shown this year but the baby beef show and the poultry show will be larger this year than last.

The rodeo is expected to be as good or better than the exceptional ones already held in the major circuits this year. The event will open with a parade to be held at 10:00 A.M., Thursday, March 7.

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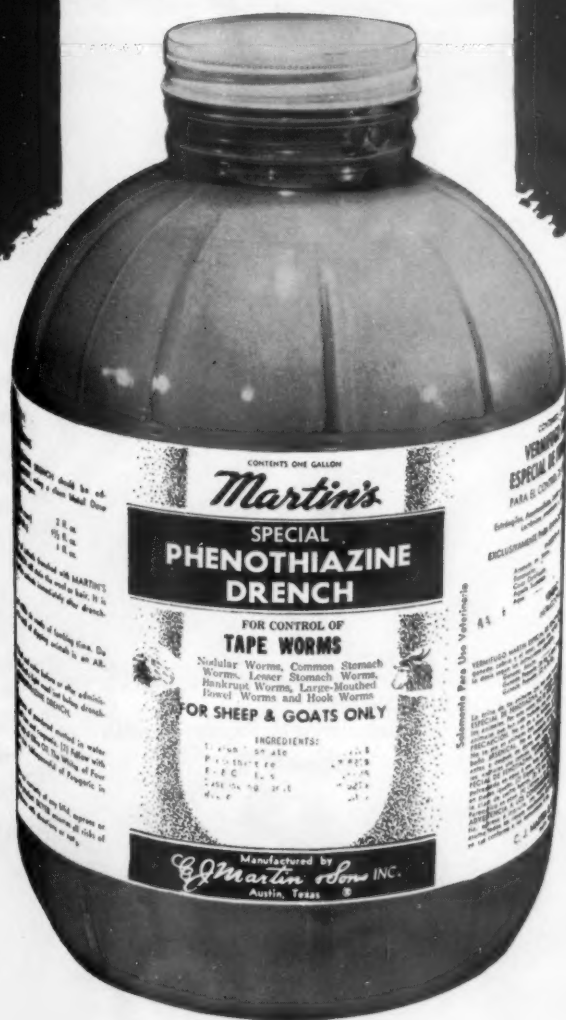
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Ft. Worth Show



CHAMPION HAMPSHIRE EWE

Charlie Prindle, sheep representative for Foley and Allen Commission Company, Fort Worth, and one of the sheep superintendents of Fort Worth at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, is shown with Harrison Davis and his champion Hampshire ewe.



MONTADALE SHEEP SHOW

Standing is Jimmy Davidson, Shepherd at the University of Wyoming, who judged the show at Fort Worth. On the left is Audrey Head of Snyder with champion ram and on the right, John May, Gallion, Alabama, and champion ewe in the fine Montadale show.



CHAMPION HAMPSHIRE RAM AT FORT WORTH

Bill Reidon is shown here with the champion Hampshire ram of Mrs. Ammie Wilson, Plano.



CHAMPION SOUTHDOWN

Walter J. Stelzig, Jr., Schulenberg, is shown with his champion Southdown ram at Fort Worth. Kenny Knox is shown with his champion ewe of the Cresap flock of Seymour, Illinois.



CHAMPION RAMBOUILLET RAM

Miles Pierce, Alpine, and J. Lee Ensor of Bronte showed champion ram and ewe of the Rambouillet show, both Miles Pierce entries.



CHAMPION SUFFOLKS

Holding the championship banner is Johnny Vestal, Armour and Company official, Superintendent of the sheep show, Fort Worth; L. N. Cox of Cox and McAdams, Celina, Texas, and Harrison Davis, Dorchester, holding the champion ewe and ram.



GRAND CHAMPION LAMB

The grand champion lamb of the show at Fort Worth was exhibited by Lenis Gregg of Hale County. On the left is Herman Carter who judged the lamb show. B. F. Yeates, County Agent, and Roy Gregg, hold the lamb for his brother.



DELAINES

Hudson Glimp and sister, Lela Joe, hold the champion Delaine ram and ewe of the Glimp flock, Burnet. (More Photos Next Page)

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AT THE FORT WORTH SHOW



CHAMPION ANGORAS

On the left is the champion B-type doe shown by Bobby Sites of Wimberley. She is held by H. R. Sites. The champion C-type buck is held by his breeder, Herbie Oehler of Harper.

JUNIOR CHAMPION

On the left is John C. Fisher of Kerrville who had the champion buck of the show. Delbert Oehler of Harper, on the right, had the champion doe.

LIVESTOCK INVENTORY

THE COMBINED livestock and poultry inventory on the Nation's farms and ranches as of January 1, 1957, reflected a net decline of 3% from a year earlier and was 9% below the all-time peak at the beginning of 1944, reports the Agricultural Marketing Service. The decrease in over-all numbers during 1956 resulted from reduced inventories for each of the livestock species except chickens and turkeys. Declines in inventories were: Cattle, 2%; hogs, 5%; sheep, 1%; and horses and mules, 9%. The numbers of chickens and turkeys increased 3% and 17%, respectively.

The table below shows the numbers of livestock on farms and ranches in the states of the Eleventh Federal Reserve District on January 1, 1957, and the year-earlier comparisons.

LIVESTOCK ON FARMS AND RANCHES, JANUARY 1
 Five Southwestern States
 (In thousands)

AREA	CATTLE		HOGS		SHEEP	
	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956
Arizona	1,012	1,022	27	26	473	476
Louisiana	1,961	1,923	501	473	99	110
New Mexico	1,139	1,222	40	45	1,195	1,249
Oklahoma	3,018	3,211	407	463	243	264
Texas	7,736	8,501	946	1,100	4,708	5,376
Five States	14,863	15,879	1,921	2,107	6,718	7,475

SOURCE: U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The number of goats in Texas on January 1, 1957, at an estimated 2,835,000, was 5% above the year-earlier level as the increase in the 1956 kid crop more than offset the increase in slaughter.

Loose Pen Kidding

By MELVIN CAMP

MARCH IS the month when the major part of each year's annual crop of Angora goat kids are born. This is the period when every kid saved is money in the rancher's pocket.

There are three methods commonly used in kidding goats on the range. (1) Kidding loose on the open range, (2) staking in the pen, (3) and loose pen kidding. The latter method is the one I will discuss here.

In loose pen kidding the does are allowed to run on the range during the day. As the kids are born they are brought to the pen and confined until about one month of age. The doe is brought in each night and remains with her kid in the pen until morning where she may or may not be given supplemental feed, all depending upon range conditions.

As kidding time approaches the pregnant does are separated from the dry ones and placed in a pasture with easy access to a system of pens with a shed for shelter. Dry does should not be allowed to remain with the pregnant ones because they are trouble makers. These does, especially yearlings, often steal kids away from their mothers only to let them starve to death. Dry does are bad about hooking kids with their horns. They also tend to want to remain away from the pens at night, causing does with kids in the pen to also want to remain out.

The pregnant does should be prepared so that their teats will be free of mohair. Newborn kids have been lost because they got hold of a lock of mohair instead of a teat and sucked on it without getting milk into their stomach soon enough after birth. Kids which do not get milk into their stomach soon after birth are easily chilled and easily lost. The doe may either be shorn slick, shorn with a cape left on the back, or tagged around the teats and rear legs.

Each doe may be branded with a number on her side of bright colored paint before kidding starts. After her kid is born he is branded with the same number. This is a sure method enabling you to locate a kid should the doe and kid become separated. Some ranchers brand only those does with which they have trouble in keeping their kids located. The other method is to have a good Mexican ranch hand who has an uncanny memory and knows which doe and kid belong together, which often may run over 1,000 pairs.

The system of pens should be located where there is good drainage and have a few evergreen shade trees such as the liveoak. Picket or rail fences will often give good shade, depending upon their location. They should be located so that the shade



March is the month when the major part of each year's annual crop of Angora goat kids are born. Kids raised by confining them the first month of their life in a pen have a good chance of surviving this first period of infancy. Every kid saved is money in the rancher's pocket.

will fall where the kid can get under it in the afternoon. The pens should consist of one large pen and several smaller ones, all with easy access to a shed or some sort of shelter. The smaller pens are a great help where individual does may be confined with their kids. Should you have a weak kid which needs special attention, or a doe disowns her young and you want her to claim it again you may place the pair in one of these pens.

By keeping a record of breeding dates one can be fairly certain when his first kids will begin dropping. Most goatmen figure the gestation period of the Angora goat is about 148 days on the average with the first kids possibly coming at 143 days as the earliest. Usually 153 to 157 days is the longest period of gestation. The gestation period may vary for the does bred to different sires. Some sires' offspring tend to remain in the womb longer than others.

The does should be brought to the kidding pens each night as the 143-day period draws near. Many kids will be born in the pen at night. Each morning the does should be returned to the range. Each evening the herdsman should go out on the range to check for newborn kids and to drive the does in to the pens. Kids born during the day will usually follow their mothers to the pens if driven slowly. Some kids born late in the evening should be left with their mothers on the range unless the doe has been shorn slick and it is extremely cold or wet and there is also fear of predatory animals getting the young at night. When it is desired to bring the kid in before is is strong enough to travel both the doe and kid should be marked so they will not become separated. A piece of colored chalk is a handy tool for this. Often kids will be located which the doe has wandered away from in search of food. With a bit of experience, one can determine whether the kid has been abandoned and made an orphan

or has had a full stomach of milk from his mother. One should not get too close to the kid or even touch it unless he desires to carry it in without locating its mother. Many kids are orphaned in this manner. If it is left undisturbed the doe will return to her kid. A kid left on the range overnight can stand a lot of cold weather if he has a full stomach of milk and the ground isn't too wet.

Careful checks should be made each day to see that none have kidded of which the kids have not been located. A good method to determine whether a doe has kidded is to check for signs of fresh afterbirth on her tail, back of the udder, and on her rear legs. Another is to catch the doe and examine the teats to see if the plugs have come out, due to a kid

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By tagging the doe around her teats prior to kidding time there is less danger in losing kids from them sucking on a lock of mohair instead of a teat. To determine whether or not a doe has kidded the ends of the teats should be checked to see if the plugs remain or have been pushed out due to the kid sucking.



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The Cattle Situation

By ELMER KELTON, Associate Editor



EDITOR'S NOTE —
WITH THIS issue we welcome Elmer Kelton, widely known livestock writer of the San Angelo Standard - Times, as Associate Editor of this magazine. Mr. Kelton will feature important phases of the cattle situation.

Rains Bring Demand

The rains over West Texas brought a sharp increase in demand for light-weight cattle toward the end of February. The only trouble was that few stockmen were in position to take advantage of the demand.

Comparatively few such light cattle can be found in Texas, and especially in the western part, other than some short-age calves which were held over through the winter because they were too young and too little to sell last fall. Practically all calves of any age or weight were sold last summer and fall because drouthy ranges promised nothing for winter except a feed bill.

And yearling or older cattle are mostly just a fond memory in West Texas.

Even before the rains, a good demand was seen for light cattle. Light steers of quality have easily reached 20 to 22 cents in rare, scattered country sales, despite the fact that they would bring no more than that fat and might easily bring less. Heifers, generally, have been hard to move. There was little demand for them for breeding purposes, and Northern feeders were forcing a wide spread usually at least three cents a pound, between them and comparable steers.

West Texas market observers late in the month believed the rains would create new local demand for these heifers for breeding.

"I believe there'll be good local demand in Texas for light cattle," said Jim Webster of E. D. Webster & Sons, San Angelo cattle buyers. "It'll be better than any out-of-state business for a while."

Harvey Martin of San Angelo agreed that light cattle would find new demand, but he was skeptical about likelihood of any runaway prices. He reasoned that it will take several weeks for drouthy ranges to make any cow feed, even with continued rain, and the remaining time for grain field grazing is sharply limited. Most fields will be cleared by March 15 if the farmer plans to make a crop.

Martin also said he believes bankers will be very conservative in making loans for restocking. And, after these drouthy years, not many stockmen can do much without keeping the banker friendly.

Whether they have anything to sell or not, Texas cattlemen will be pleased by the very existence of a steady to strong stocker cattle market for a while. And, of course, they can hope it will last until the new crop of

calves is ready to sell this summer and fall.

Although it was widely predicted early in the year that fed cattle prices would remain steady through 1957, fed steers have declined somewhat since New Year. Whether this is a temporary decline remains to be seen.

Paradoxically, while fed steers declined by about \$3 cwt., fat bulls and fat cows made good price gains. Late in the month fat bulls on the San Angelo market were selling for \$13 to \$14.50 cwt., fat cows \$11 to \$13.

John Crow, San Angelo independent packer, said a reason is that consumers over the nation are eating

more ground beef, of which cows and bulls are a principal source.

Whether this is a sign of hard times might produce a good argument, but it has served to push hamburger up closer to the price of steak.

Cattle Decline

Cheered by the rains, cattlemen were given another piece of good news when the government's annual livestock inventory showed almost a two percent decline in the number of cattle and calves on farms and ranches January 1, 1957, as compared to a year earlier.

Total was 95,166,000 head, down 1,638,000 from the record 96,804,000 a year ago. It was the lowest count since 1953 and the first decline after seven years of steady increases.

Although it's too early to tell for



PAM JONES WINS SILVER SHEARS TROPHY

Pam Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dempster Jones of Ozona, outpointed all other exhibitors in the Junior Rambouillet sheep show at San Antonio to win the Leonard Richardson Revolving trophy now in its third year. Other winners were James Stubblefield, last year, and Connie Locklin the year before. Presenting the trophy is Clyde Thate, Burkett, Vice-President of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association.

sure, indications are that Kansas bluestem pasture owners will ask about the same prices for cattle grazing as they did last year.

That report was given by Newt W. Jones, former San Angelo banker now acting vice president of the Interstate National Bank in Kansas City, Mo.

He said that as of late February, the bluestem country was still dry. Stock water was short, and there had been almost no winter rain to improve spring pasture prospects.

The area has long been a favorite for Texas steer men, and tens of thousands of drought-refugee Texas cows have summered there the last several years.

There's still plenty of time for rain to improve the water and grass situation before cattle start moving there again about April 20. Jones said most Texas cattlemen who have had experience in the bluestem country are unlikely to contract grass until they can see it.

Last year's price averaged about \$20 per head for grown cattle for the season, which ended October 1.

Sales

A few typical country cow sales in the San Angelo area lately:

J. E. (Shorty) Northcutt of Colorado City sold 57 Angus cows to Louisiana buyers at \$135 for cows with calves and \$110 for springers.

Johnny Hamby of Sonora bought 15 good cows from Marvin Cowser of Rocksprings for \$120 on pairs, \$110 on springer cows.

Too Little to Pay For Feed

When M. D. Bryant, former San Angelo mayor, sold his last 632 cattle at mid-month for an average of \$100 per head, they still lacked \$100 per head paying their feed bill for the last three years. Sale price was about half the total feed bill, Bryant declared.

They were the remnants of herds he had run on ranches in Brewster and Presidio Counties and on his Spring Creek place west of San Angelo. All three ranches are now vacated and being given a rest.

Hot and Cold in Cattle Sales

Registered cattle sales have run hot and cold the last few weeks. Buyers generally have paid well for cattle they really wanted but have often let the rest go at far less than the cost of the feed in them.

At the Fort Worth Hereford sale, 71 individual bulls averaged \$568 per head, 11 heifers \$390, and 41 bulls in pens \$216. Jake Hess of McLean sold two bulls for \$1,600 and \$1,500. Little Janie McBride of Blanket, who later showed grand champion steer at San Antonio, sold top heifer for \$700.

Fort Worth Polled Hereford sale averaged \$534 on 22 bulls, \$484 on 21 females. Top price was \$2,185 for a female from C. E. Knowlton of Bellemontaine, Ohio. Top bull at \$2,000 was sold by Greenhill Farm of Tulsa to J. L. Essley of Tulsa. W. J. Largent of Merkel sold second-highest heifer for \$1,000.

Brownwood's Polled Hereford sale also saw a heifer bring the highest price, \$750. She was June Anxiety 2nd, consigned by Sam Swann of Merkel and sold to O. H. Grimes of Tulsa. Twenty-eight bulls averaged \$243, 20 females \$259. Champion bull, C Domestic Mischief 80th, con-

signed by Carl Sheffield of Brooksmith, sold for \$500 to Suel Hill of Fairfield.

Panhandle Hereford Association sale in Amarillo had an average of \$346 on 49 bulls, \$235 on six females. Top price was \$1,100 for Blanchard Return 289th, consigned by J. P. Calliham of Conway and sold to Pitchfork Land & Cattle Company of Guthrie.

San Antonio's Hereford consignment sale averaged \$262 on 79 bulls, \$241 for 13 females. Polled Hereford sale averaged \$254 on 24 bulls, \$234 on 11 females.

Straus Medina Hereford Ranch of San Antonio had what is likely to be one of the nation's top sales of 1957. Thirty bulls averaged \$1,333, 20 females \$522. Top animal at \$10,000 was 88 Zato Heir 807th, sold to Jack Clark of Conroe. Ard Richardson of San Antonio paid \$3,000 for 88 Zato Heir 88th and \$2,000 for 88 Zato Heir 87th. Luther Hill of San Antonio paid \$2,625 for another Zato Heir bull. Among West Texas buyers were V. I. Pierce of Ozona and Jackson Hughes of San Angelo.

Mexican Sales

First big string of West Texas cattle to sell to Mexican buyers under the new U.S.-Mexico loan program was 521 choice young Hereford heifers out of the Big Bend country.

They were bought by Arrieta Bros. of Delicias, Chihuahua. The cattle, mostly two-year-olds, went at \$135,

with a few threes at slightly more. They were crossed at Presidio.

Sellers were Joe Lane of Alpine, David Combs of Marathon, and Hayes Mitchell, Jim White, Courtney Melard and Albert Logan, all of Marfa.

The same buyers bought 31 registered Hereford bulls from Winston Bros. of Snyder and 21 registered heifers from Alex Walker of Big Spring.

We have a report that Harry Dietert of Mountain Home has sold recently his 2,890-acre ranch to a Mr. Cotter of Junction.

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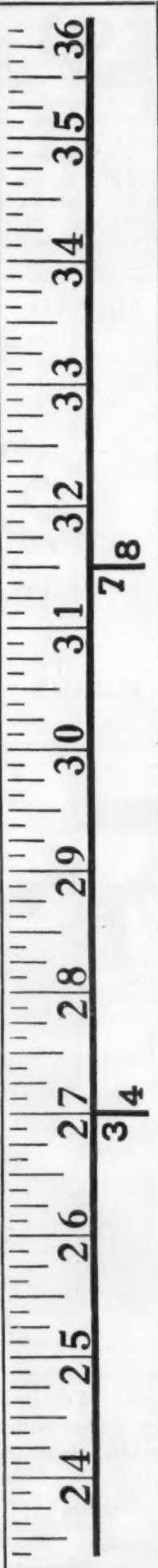
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Military Land Grab

By CONG. J. T. RUTHERFORD

AS A member of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, I have heard some amazing testimony in the past few weeks, relating to the Military "land grab." The facts being developed are astounding: all branches of the Service appear to be gobbling up land as fast as possible, many times without apparent rhyme or reason. They even outbid each other for certain lands.

Presumed "defense needs" have covered appropriation of land acres equal to a 13-mile wide strip from New York to San Francisco! Until our committee started the present investigation, the Army, Navy and Air Force had, for a period of 18 months, seized new areas at a round-the-clock rate of 1,000 acres an hour!

Testimony has shown that the Pentagon took in much land it described as "worthless sagebrush," which actually has been rich in grazing plains, mineral rights and wildlife. The members of Congress realize that the firing of modern rockets, flights of jet aircraft and other modern weapons operation calls for a great deal of land to be used. However, it is obvious the land-grab has gone far beyond defense requirements, as much land placed under military control during the past few years is not being utilized at all, nor are plans being made to use it.

Our committee has control only of public lands (Texas does not have any public lands, under an agreement signed when the Lone Star State came into the Union), but the publicity to come from our hearings will, without doubt, discourage the military authorities from taking unneeded private land.

As a result of the hearings, we expect to attempt to enact legislation requiring the military authorities to obtain specific Congressional approval before taking any land covering more than 5,000 acres.

MISS WOOL CONTEST ANNOUNCED

IT IS reported that the Miss Wool contest for 1957 will be held again this year under the auspices of the San Angelo Board of City Development. The final elimination will be held the night of August 30.

W. C. Johnson has sold his ranch of 2,100 acres, ten miles north of Sabinal to Joe Sullivan of Centerville at a reported price of \$60 per acre.



CHESTER ITZ SELLS DELAINE

Chester Itz of Harper, Texas, is shown with Marilyn Gallant, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Gallant. She is the proud owner of the residue of the Chester Itz Delaine sheep business made famous for many years by his daughter, Ola Mae. Mr. Itz recently sold 34 head of registered Delaines to this young lady and these will be headed by the champion ram of the San Antonio show, shown elsewhere in this magazine. Since Ola Mae was married last year and has moved to Austin, where she is now housewife Mrs. Ralph Harris, Mr. Itz is no longer interested in raising Delaines. Marilyn expects to take up with the sheep on the show circuit. She now has 50 head of top quality Delaines. She will divide them with her younger sister, Patricia, who is eight years old.

ABILENE SHOW

In one of the best rounded sheep shows held in West Texas in recent years, Sterling County topped one of the feature events by winning first place in the group of 15 fine wool lambs from one county. Arthur Barlemann, Jr., County Agent of Sterling



County, is shown with his group, who are, from left to right: Cecilia McDonald, Bill Davis, Robert Quintana, Temple Ann Foster, W. G. Fincher, David Foster, Jeanie McDonald, LeRuth Reed, Mitzi Davis, Reynolds Lee Foster, Jodie Emery, Don McDonald, Alfred Chapple, Tony Allen, Calvin Gaston.



CHAMPION FAT LAMBS

On the left is the champion fine wool lamb of Peggy Pafford of Mullin, held by Eugene Duren. Next is crossbred champion of Beth McElroy, Eden; next, medium wool champion of Louis Heinze of Miles and the Southdown champion of Glenn Bragg

of Talpa. In the background is Judge James Gray, Extension Sheep Specialist. Next is Secretary of the Fat Lamb Department, H. A. Travis, and General Superintendent of the Abilene Fat Stock Show, Dr. A. H. Heidelbrecht, and Superintendent of the Fat Lamb Department, Bob Rankin.



LAMB JUDGING

In the center, left, is Judge James Gray of San Angelo, taking a general view of the class of several hundred crossbred lambs in the Abilene Stock Show. The sheep show at Abilene has grown until it may now be the largest in West Texas. It is housed in

convenient, well lighted quarters erected under a plan which indicates thoughtful consideration for the interest of both exhibitor and spectator and with an eye for future development and careful husbandry of expenses. Please note calico sheep in foreground.

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Poisonous Range Plants in Texas

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XII. Lechuguilla—A Poisonous Range Plant of the Amaryllis Family

The amaryllis family (Amaryllidaceae) is a large family of perennial bulbous herbs and fibrous-leaved plants with leaves arising from rootstocks. About 20 species of this family in Texas are grasslike and furnish some forage to livestock. The white and yellow rain lilies are observed over most of the state. There are 8 or 10 species of *Agave* ranging from the wooded areas of East Texas to dry and mountainous areas of West Texas. Common names used for the agaves are century plant, aloe and maguey. Lechuguilla is the only member of the

amaryllis family known to be poisonous to livestock in Texas.

LECHUGUILLA *Agave lechuguilla*

Each lechuguilla plant consists of a crown bearing 20 to 30 thick, fleshy leaves, 1 to 1½ inches wide and from 12 to 24 inches long. The leaves are ascending with recurving marginal prickles and terminate in a sharp spine. The flowering scapes are 6 to 12 feet long and bear a terminal panicle with short branches, Figure 62. Numerous black flattened seed are produced in a leathery, 3-celled capsule. Each plant requires 10 to 15 years to reach maturity, then flowers, sets fruit and dies. Reproduction is by

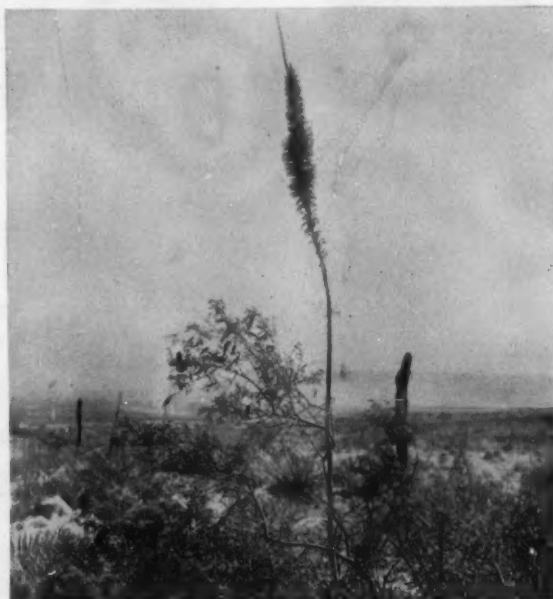


Figure 62. Lechuguilla, *Agave lechuguilla*



Figure 64. Grazed lechuguilla

both seed and offsets around the base of the parent plant. The formation of offsets is stimulated by the browsing of the flowering stalks.

Lechuguilla occurs in Texas westward from the southern and western portions of the Edwards Plateau across the Trans-Pecos to the Franklin Mountain at El Paso. The heaviest infestations are in the low rainfall areas paralleling the Rio Grande and on the dry hills of the Trans-Pecos, Figure 63. This plant extends westward into New Mexico and south into Mexico. Lechuguilla occurs characteristically on low limestone hills, dry valleys and bordering canyons west of the Pecos river.

Lechuguilla poisoning is due to the combined action of two substances, one a photodynamic agent, the other a saponin. External symptoms of photosensitization are activated by direct sunlight. Animals fed as little as 1 percent of their body weights of leaf material have developed "lechuguilla poisoning" which may cause death. Serious losses under range conditions are due primarily to the saponin which causes a liver damage and not to the photosensitization or swellhead (Mathews 1937). Sheep and goats are poisoned most frequently by lechuguilla, cattle less frequently and poisoning has not been reported in horses. Lechuguilla poisoning usually occurs from grazing the leaves during the spring but may appear at any time during the year, Figure 64. Pastures examined during outbreaks usually were extremely short of forage due to overgrazing or drouth or both. Reducing the number of animals on the range or removing them to pastures free of lechuguilla is recommended. Ranchmen has found supplemental feeding beneficial. Poisoning often shows up in ewes during the lambing season when they do not move about or come in for feed freely. Management practices to maintain better range feed should be set up on pastures where poisoning occurs.

REFERENCE ON LECHUGUILLA

Mathews, F. P., 1937. Lechuguilla (*Agave lechuguilla*). Poisoning in sheep, goats and laboratory animals. Texas Agri. Expt. Sta. Bul. 554. 36 pp.



Figure 63. Lechuguilla, *Agave lechuguilla*

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Silt A Big Problem In Conservation

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Soil Conservation Service

EVERYBODY is talking about water and the need for conserving our water resources. Dams and more dams! Rightly so, because water is a precious thing, becoming more precious as population and industry expand.

But that is just part of the picture. Conservation of the soil goes hand in hand with conservation of water—one without the other is temporary and usually can only end in failure.

Every ton of silt deposited into a storage reservoir is a double loss—loss to the landowner from whence the soil came, and to the folks that own the reservoir. Every ton of silt deposited in a reservoir reduces the capacity of that reservoir by about 150 gallons, enough water to last a thirsty man a long time. One flood on an unprotected watershed often puts thousands of tons of silt into our big reservoirs. Silt can destroy the usefulness of a storage reservoir in a mighty short time.

Most city folks seem to think that erosion is none of their business, that it doesn't affect them. But the city of Ballinger can testify that this is certainly not the truth. For uncontrolled erosion on Elm Creek cost the taxpayers in Ballinger \$2,400.00 a year for 32 years—and is still costing them, though they have no figures on the present cost.

The city of Ballinger constructed two small rock dams on Elm Creek for storage of water in 1920. The original capacity of the two dams was 78.6 acre-feet. Elm Creek at that time was a fairly reliable source of water. The stream ran most of the time and was a dependable water supply with only occasional floods. A considerable portion of the watershed was still in native grasses, or had only recently been broken out of sod.

The lake created by the dam turned out to be a good fishing place. In addition, the city built a nice park next



Lake Ballinger as it looks when full of water. It once held 260 acre-feet of water and was a dependable water supply for the city of Ballinger at a total cost of about \$76,794.00.

A view of Lake Ballinger a few weeks after the other picture was taken, a tragedy in water conservation. The silt that has filled the reservoir to within four feet of the top of the dam has been a double loss—loss of valuable topsoil to the landowners from whence the silt came, and a loss of storage in the reservoir. This silt cost the taxpayers of Ballinger \$2,400.00 per year for 32 years, and cost the landowners the loss of the soil which can never be replaced.

A gully in a field on the Lake Ballinger watershed—and a source of some of the silt that filled the lake. Every inch of topsoil washed from each acre in this field has contributed about 130 tons of silt.

Another gully, a destroyed field and more silt in the reservoirs. One inch of soil off an acre of land reduces the storage capacity of a reservoir by about 19,500 gallons. Erosion is everybody's business!

John Miller (kneeling), ranching east of Ballinger, shows an SCS technician what a cover of grass can do. In spite of drouth, this grass was green and growing on July 27, 1956, as the soil protected by the cover absorbed and made effective use of the rains that did come. Such a cover of grass absorbs rains, some of which enters substrata to fill underground reservoirs, later to come out as springs and seeps and give rise to living streams. And it protects the soil from erosion, thereby protecting storage reservoirs from filling with silt.

to the dam. Many a pleasant picnic and fishing party was held at the lake.

Two major floods were on record at that time. In 1906, a major flood on the Colorado River and Elm Creek inundated the entire business district of Ballinger. Again in 1913, a major flood inundated the lower lying parts of the town. Floods increased from the plowed fields and heavily grazed pastures and in the short span of 12 years, the reservoirs were filled with silt. The city of Ballinger enlarged the lower dam to a capacity of 260 acre feet in 1933.

Meanwhile, most of the watershed was put to the plow. Today, a major portion is in cropland. Much of the grassland was so heavily grazed that little protective cover remains. Records seem to indicate that floods increased from the bare land. Major floods occurred in 1935, 1936, 1946, 1953, and 1954, or in five years out of the last twenty (21) years, since the dam was enlarged.

Each flood carried with it enormous amounts of soil washed off unprotected fields. And, of course, a considerable portion of it was deposited as silt in the city reservoirs. Some went over the spillway to be lost forever. The city engineers had to raise their pump intakes several times to get them out of silt. K. V. Northington, then city engineer, constructed a diving helmet out of an old hot water tank to use in cleaning silt away from the intake valve. But in 1952, the city had to abandon the reservoirs. Silt reached within four feet of the top of the dam. The dam could be raised no higher, and the silt behind the dam made the reservoir an unreliable source of water. So the city had to locate a site and construct a new dam, which they did on Valley Creek. The new dam was built at a far greater cost than the original dams, and silt is still coming down the creek.

The investment the city had in the dams on Elm Creek was \$53,877.00, according to data furnished by K. V. Northington, Postmaster of Ballinger, formerly City Engineer for twenty years. In addition, the land and easements cost a total of \$22,977.00 or a total investment in land and dams of \$76,794.00.

The reservoirs were used from 1920 to 1952, a total of 32 years. The loss in investments cost the taxpayers in Ballinger about \$2,400.00 per year. This doesn't include the cost of pipe, raising pump intake, and other costs.

This is a direct cost to the city tax-

payers. An indirect, and somewhat intangible cost is the loss of production on the farms from whence came the silt. The major portion of the silt was topsoil from fields; the most productive part of the soil. The loss in production has been so severe in places as to cause some farmers to lay out fields or parts of fields. Lowered production on eroded fields gives the farmer lower income and buying power. He was less able to buy the goods the city people had to sell.

Here again, the city dweller is affected by erosion. When a farmer on a poor, eroded, worn out farm can't pay his bills, the city folks, particularly the groceryman, the doctor, the implement dealer, the feed dealer, and others may feel it *directly*!

Drouth in recent years has made the American Nation more aware than ever of the importance of water. A great clamor is being raised for the conservation and storage of water. Millions, even billions are being proposed for the harnessing of our rivers and storage of their waters.

The city reservoir at Ballinger is a lesson in miniature. Lake Austin, filled with silt in a few short years, is another. Without conservation of the lands in the watersheds, no matter how large or how well designed the dam, the storage of the reservoir will be reduced by sedimentation, and in time will cease to be a benefit. The dam itself may stand in mute testimony to the tragedy of erosion, and a reminder that a lot of money was lost due to unprotected watersheds. And that a lot more money will be wasted on dams if something isn't done to control erosion and silt filling the reservoirs.



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Management of the Farm Flock

By JOE H. DIXON

What Are the Chances for The Beginner?

SPENDING THE majority of my time at the Fort Worth Show in the sheep barn, many different people came to me in regard to the following question: "Just what are the chances for success for the beginner in the sheep business?"

To my way of thinking success or failure for the beginner in the sheep business might depend a lot on the individual himself. Certainly there is nothing so complicated about running a small flock of sheep that the average person cannot master and there is every chance for success under proper management.

Considerable would depend on his foundation animals, the time, care and interest given the flock and the kind of ram used for a sire. Weather

conditions over which the flock owner has little or no control, kind of pasture or grazing land available and management of the farm flock, all have an important bearing on the success or failure of the venture.

Stomach worms, intestinal parasites and loss from dogs, wolves and coyotes are probably among the major problems the flock owner has to learn to contend with. However, new flocks are not too much bothered with stomach worms if they are placed on pasture where no flock has been before them.

Quality in Flock

There is no substitute for quality. Quality in a livestock man's vocabulary suggests something above aver-

age or superior and something that a breeder strives constantly to get and keep in a flock. It takes time, patience, know-how and a certain amount of investment to build or produce a quality flock.

In building a foundation flock you are sure to have some disappointments, but the careful and constructive breeder over the years generally builds that kind of flock, be it purebreds or grades.

Many of the top flocks produced in recent years, to my mind, have not been mere accidents. Most of these breeders recognize the importance of a good ewe flock that are thickly made and the good, deep bodied kind. Ewes with good heads, good bone, with smoothness and compactness.

Then, too, you can depend upon our top breeders to use "quality bred" stud rams. The rams used in your flock are all important and if carefully mated can improve a flock rapidly in breed type and character.

What Type to Breed

The word type has been bandied about considerably by many people in the livestock field who have failed to select toward the best type for their particular locality and breed. It seems to me that different sections of the country need to produce the kind of sheep best adapted to their locality, and the kind they can sell or market to best advantage.

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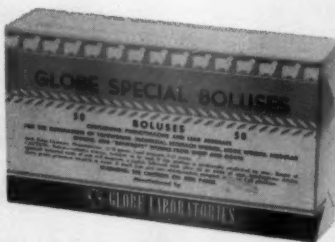
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I have always felt that if at our major shows throughout our country, our breeders and judges from all sections of the United States and Canada would be willing to give and take a little, it would be much better for all concerned. Many prominent breeders have produced and showed many champions and prize winners but no one breeder had all the good ones.

Several Breeders Establish Individual Type

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The commercial sheepman no doubt has his own ideas as to the type of sheep he prefers. It seems to me he could be far less critical of breed type than the purebred breeder. The fast growing, easy feeding kind that produce lambs that will weigh well at an early age, is probably the kind a lot of farmers and ranchers admire.

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A Few Reminders for March

March can be a busy month for flock owners. There are often ewes that are bred late to lamb out during March and April. This is the time of year when your early lambs should be growing fast and taking on gains rapidly. Pastures should be good in many sections of the Southwest, especially since the recent rains have helped to bring along the small grain and winter pastures.

Wet weather sometimes causes more trouble than cold. When possible it is well to let the flock have access to an old shed or some kind of shelter. If a late lamb and its mother need extra care, keep them in a separate pen for a few days. Be sure the ewe's milk stream is open and watch closely for udder complications.

Ram lambs that do not look good enough for breeding purposes should be castrated when from 10 days to

two weeks old. It is also a good policy to get all lambs docked before warm weather sets in. You may choose your own method but try to do it right and you will experience little trouble. A bright, sunny day is a good time to do the castrating and docking.

Quality Show at Fort Worth

Quality extended way down the line in a lot of sheep classes at this year's Southwestern Exposition. In several breeds, outstanding individuals had to be content out of the money

for lack of enough places for all of the good sheep in the class.

If anything, it was a good indication that the sheep breeders are not standing still in their breeding operations, but are fast improving the qualities of their flocks and the breed.

While the ringside attendance was not large, perhaps largely on account of the cold, disagreeable weather while the sheep were being judged, it was nevertheless a wonderful show to watch, to see the many top individuals in the show.



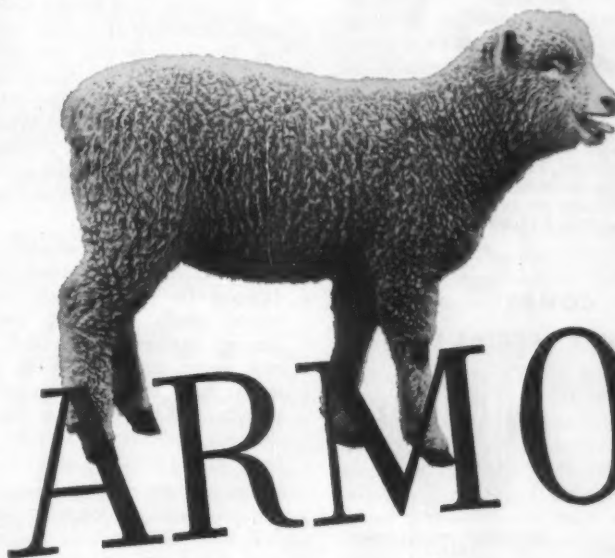
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Analyzing Livestock And Meat Situation

By SHEEP AND GOAT RAISER CHICAGO BUREAU

JUDGING FROM events and developments in both the live and the dressed markets during the fore part of February, it is very apparent that the livestock and meat industries were in the midst of a feared and anticipated consumer slump in meat buying. For reasons still not clear to a large segment of the livestock industry, the month of February during the greater share of the post-World War II years has provided livestock producers and meat processors with sluggish and slumping markets for their commodity.

Such was the case recently. For no apparent reason the broad consumer demand for virtually all classes of meats which prevailed throughout January suddenly dwindled as the new month appeared. While most interests have their own private interpretations of the slump at this time of the year, there is not a general agreement in the industry as to the cause.

Reasons given most frequently are the payment of overdue Christmas bills and 1956 income taxes. Those with this belief cite that many families are caught in a squeeze at this time with the payment of the above-mentioned bills and consequently are forced to use some of the money budgeted for good meat to satisfy their obligations. While this may prevail in some families, it hardly seems feasible that it should create a slump such as frequently prevails at this time.

Throughout January there was a feeling in the industry that the markets would be spared the slump. This short-lived feeling was based on the idea that the fairly dependable demand which prevailed during January would hold fairly well since the reduced hog slaughtering was ex-

pected to continue and offset any cut-back in the demand. However, later developments failed to follow this line of reasoning.

Least affected by the suddenly restricted action in wholesale dressed channels was the lamb market. Although the lamb market was subsequently weakened by the curtailed activity in most meats, lamb prices failed to show any noticeable change from the early days of 1957. This was gratifying to most lamb producers since with prices remaining close to those which prevailed during January they were able to continue their marketing programs with modest profits.

Part of the ability of the lamb market to hold on to price levels which prevailed generally during January was due to the fact that lamb slaughtering during the fore part of February dropped off moderately from most January weeks. Thus, while consumer demand for almost all meats eased off, the reduced lamb slaughter was an offsetting factor.

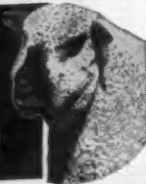
Those Corn Belt lamb producers who had strictly finished lambs to offer found prices for prime lambs at Chicago ranging up to \$21.50. However, sales above the \$21 figure were limited because of the scarcity of strictly top-quality offerings. Good to prime woolled lambs continued to predominate the receipts at Chicago recently and the bulk of them cleared from \$19 to \$21.

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maintained in a fairly safe price position recently was aged slaughter ewes. This was due to the continued scarcity of the class. Because of the limited numbers, aged ewes late in January and early in February continued their advance and prices at mid-February were at the highest levels in nearly two years. Choice slaughter ewes were quoted up to \$9.50, while the bulk of the sales were made down from \$9.

Even though the general level of cattle prices continued to slip and in February dropped to the lowest point since early last summer, one surprising development was the fairly broad demand which prevailed for replacement cattle, both stockers and partly finished feeding steers.

Some Corn Belt interests reported difficulty in obtaining suitable cattle for their feeding operations. While some were able to obtain partly finished feeding steers suitable for additional finishing recently, the scarcity of such kinds prevented other requirements from being filled. At the same time, those finishers desiring replacement cattle in stocker flesh also found numbers of such kinds seasonally scarce.

The difficulty in obtaining stockers recently has caused some Corn Belt interests to turn to the Southwest for the lighter-weight kinds. Some of these feeders, encouraged by improved moisture conditions in their areas, are looking ahead to grass time later this spring and have attempted to obtain stockers for delivery later in the spring. However, only limited transactions were reported recently because asking prices have been above buyers' ideas.

While the stocker and feeder mar-

ket recently failed to show any evidence of weakness, those cattle feeders who were in the midst of their marketing program were disappointed with prevailing prices and trends. Recent losses in the fat cattle market have wiped out virtually all of what margins were present earlier and most finishers report that at best they are able to hold their money together. However, all were not this fortunate since many cattle being marketed recently continue to show a loss.

This is particularly true in the case of weighty steers weighing over 1300 lbs. and grading mostly choice. A goodly portion of the recent marketings consisted of such kinds and gradually slipping prices dropped most of them down within a range of \$19.50 to \$20.50. With costs per gain continuing to be in the neighborhood of 25c per pound, along with relatively high replacement costs last summer, it was impossible for the finisher to break even at recent levels.

Meanwhile, high choice and prime steers which around the middle of February were ranging from \$21.50 to \$24.50 were not providing any margins for the finisher either since they were not being compensated for the additional time and expense it took to put on the high degree of fat and finish. Prime steers recently were topping at \$25 and \$25.50, the lowest levels high prime steers sold for since early last summer before the market staged its midsummer upturn.

While most grades of steers recently were returning unsatisfactory prices, there were some classes and grades of cattle that continued to sell on a comparatively high basis. This

was most noticeable in steers grading standard to low choice which sold mainly from \$15.50 to \$20.50. Mixed good and choice steers that sold from \$19 to \$20 could not compare with average to high choice heavy steers selling from \$19.50 to \$20.50. However, killers continued to prefer the former kinds lacking in quality and weight because these provided lightweight carcasses with a minimum of fat which were much easier to sell in the wholesale channels.

Cows and bulls continued to sell at fairly high levels. Bulls were near the highest levels in almost three years, while most cows remained at the best point since early last summer.

Hogs also were a disappointment during February as declining prices through the first few weeks of the period cut about 10 percent from the winter's peak in late January. This almost steady cut in hog values was made despite the fact that hog volume at Chicago during this period was the smallest since late last summer.

Top hogs which late in January sold as high as \$19.65 were selling under the \$18 figure in mid-February. Much of the decline in hogs was due mainly to the sluggishness in wholesale pork channels, particularly in pork loins. This latest loss in hog prices dropped levels back to a par with those which prevailed in early January.

Herman Allen, Menard, was chosen president of the Texas Aberdeen Angus Association at its annual meeting at Fort Worth, January 30.

PENROSE METCALFE NAMED VICE-PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL

PENROSE B. METCALFE, San Angelo, past President of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, was elected vice-president of the National Wool Growers Association at Las Vegas, Nevada, January 24.

Other vice-presidents named include Harold Josendahl, Cooper, Wyoming; David Little, Emmett, Idaho; Angus McIntosh, Las Animas, Colorado, and Hugh Baber, of Chico, California.

Clyde Provo of Utah Wool Growers Association was named president. He had served as president of the Utah Association for 20 years.

TEXAS BOY WINS OKLAHOMA SHOW

BILL TROSPER, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Corwin Trospen, a subscriber of Higgins, Texas, won Grand Champion Fat Lamb, on February 7, at the Guyton, Oklahoma Great Plains Fat Stock Show, with his 125-pound Southdown wether lamb.

Bill and his brother Ray, nine years old, own 44 head of registered Southdown ewes and raised this Grand Champion lamb. Their flock sire is Nittany No. 533, and was purchased in March, 1956, from W. L. Henning, Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa.

The Fowlkes Bros. of Valentine contracted approximately 1,600 mixed fall shorn lambs for 17½ cents, delivered in February.

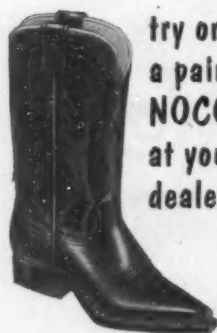


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By JAY RICHTER

PRESSURE IS being turned on again for legislation that would increase farm benefits under social security. A measure has been introduced that would allow you to substitute earnings in the years between 1950 and 1954 for the generally lower earnings of 1955 and 1956 in computing old age and survivors insurance.

The bill has been put in the hopper by Sens. Murray and Mansfield, Reps. Metcalf and Anderson, all from Montana.

"When Congress provided social security benefits for farmers in 1954, it anticipated that older farm citizens should be retired at benefits based on income levels of the preceding year . . ." says Sen. Murray. "There are many instances of farmers who earned the maximum \$4,200 income on which benefits can be based who have had no income in 1955 and 1956 due to disaster conditions."

Whether a new corn program will be voted this year is the big worry of farm leaders here, and the future of livestock prices is involved. Unless the present program is changed, many livestock leaders insist, there will be a flood of corn on the market that will drive down all feed prices, and lead to over-expansion of stock.

A stronger fight than had been expected against changes in the corn program is being put up by Southern lawmakers. Their beef: Alleged favoritism by USDA of the Corn Belt in conduct of last year's soil bank.

"There is no excuse for further increasing the benefits available under the corn program" says Senator Allen Ellender of Louisiana. Since he is chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Mr. Ellender's word is not to be taken lightly.

Will your markets be hurt by new findings linking fats with heart disease? Conclusion of scientists to date comes to about this: Excessive calories with too much of some fats and development of heart troubles appear

to be closely related. Just why is another matter; much needs to be found out that is not yet known.

Meantime, however, there is little question that careless handling of the facts could do damage to sales of products containing fats described as "saturated." These include such animal and plant fats as lard, suet, fatty meats; butter, egg yolk; coconut oil and hydrogenated fats such as vegetable shortenings and margarines. (Among these products, it should be noted, there is much variation in degree of saturation.)

Little soil bank program? It looked like a fair possibility as we went to press. The idea, as outlined here last month, would be to make deferred grazing payments to ranchers in drouth areas who shifted their stock off damaged acres. Payment rates would be based on rental values in the area concerned.

Agriculture Secretary Benson has voiced opposition to the notion, but there is good reason to believe the President won't veto such legislation if it is passed. A bill already has passed the House by a vote of 270-108 as we went to press.

Watch for the feud to get hotter between the Defense Department and House Interior committee, headed by Rep. Clair Engle of California. The committee is backing a bill to require an act of Congress for approval of military acquisition of any land involving more than 5,000 acres. Mr.

Engle says the armed forces may have spent as much as 1½ billion to improve installations that they now want to unload.

Sparking the controversy was a recent military move to dispose of more than a million acres of land and at the same time to acquire 10 million new acres. Mr. Engle contends such shifts are wasteful and "makes us wonder if there is any responsibility in the Defense Department." Department spokesman retort that disposal and acquisition of lands "is necessitated by the constant changes in military needs."

Conservation of critically short water supplies feature recent recommendations to the USDA by the department's non-government Soils, Water & Fertilizer Research Advisory Committee. Among specific projects urged upon the department by the committee are these: (1) Expand work on ways to conserve moisture on humid region cropland, to counter recurring drouths. (2) Expand studies on soil and water management conservation practices for western range. (3) Increase research to conserve all available supplies of irrigation water and to improve use of water supplies.

The 10-member committee is headed by James J. Wallace, farm manager, Iowa State College Agricultural Foundation, at Ames, Iowa. A detailed report of the committee's recommendations was to be submitted about now to the department.

Many Congressmen about now are expected to start firing at the USDA report on "possible improvements in the parity formula" sent to Capitol Hill the other day. The department advised that the present parity formula should be maintained, except that the 1910-14 parity base be abandoned in favor of a 1947-56 base. The fact that this would mean about a 2%

MOTHERS HELP

Ranch women of Crockett County aid 4-H Club work each year with their encouragement and enthusiasm. Here during the recent stock show at Ozona they sold drinks and sandwiches, using proceeds to promote their work. Ladies who worked include the following: Mrs. T. J. Everett, Mrs. Abe Carruthers, Mrs. Bill Baggett, Mrs. Troy Williams, Mrs. Joe Everett, Mrs. Pete Jacoby, Mrs. Beecher Montgomery, Mrs. B. B. Ingham, Jr., Mrs. Bill Childress, Mrs. Eugene Miller, Mrs. Jas. Baggett, Mrs. Dempster Jones, Mrs. E. Chandler, Mrs. Jas. Childress.



drop in present parity prices has aroused charges that the 55-page report is another attempt by Mr. Benson to reduce farmer guarantees.

The official study rejects a parity formula whose object would be to relate farm income to incomes of non-farmers. The report intimates this is highly unrealistic, because it would "require an approximate doubling of current farm income or an increase

of at least one-half in farm sales and the value of gross farm product."

Nor would it work, the department thinks, to calculate the parity standard to provide the same return per hour for farm labor as for non-farm labor and business investment. "Such a formula," the department comments, "would require a general increase of per-unit parity prices of one-third, one-half or more."

CLEMENTS RANCH IS SOLD

THE PENASCO River Ranch 30 miles west of Hope, New Mexico, was sold late last year by Joe H. Clements. The land in the foothills of the Guadalupe Mountains consists of about 70 sections of land and it was bought by Lloyd Treat and Charlie Waller of Roswell, New Mexico, along with some livestock and improvements for a reported price of \$600,000.

Some extra fine super quality wool sold recently to an Italian garment maker. The wool was grown in New South Wales and brought \$4.33 per pound, a world record price for wool.

Chicken feathers ground into a meal was said to get as good results as high protein soy bean meal when fed in an experiment at the University of Minnesota. We've heard of hen-pecked, and chicken-hearted and now it's feather-fed!



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Show Results

SAN ANTONIO

(First Places only listed)

FAT LAMBS

Champion, Darrell Smith, Crane; Group of 15 fine wool lambs, Coleman FFA; Fine wool cross, Gary Real, Kerrville; 15 fine wool crossbred, Sutton Boys Club; Other grades, crosses, Ted Luce, Del Rio; Fat Lamb, Southdown, etc., or crossbred, James Covill, Crane.

FAT WETHER LAMBS (Open Classes)

Fin Wool, Well Wise; Fine wool cross, Janice Taliaferro; Other Purebreds, Grades, Crosses, Glenn Kunneman, Kingfisher, Oklahoma; Any cross of Southdown, Shropshire, Cheviot, purebred or grade, Linda Harrell, Rankin.

Reserve Champion fine wool lamb of show, Scotty Menzies.

Reserve Champion fine wool crossbred lamb of show, Penn Baggett, Rankin.

Champion crossbred lamb of show, Ted Luce, Del Rio.

Reserve champion Southdown, Shropshire or Cheviot, Linda Harrell.

Group of 15 fine wool lambs, 1. Coleman FFA.

Group of 15 crossbred lambs, Sutton County 4-H Club.

JUNIOR RAMBOUILLET SHOW

Ram lamb, Benton Wardlaw, Del Rio; two to four-tooth ram, Pierce Miller, Ozona; Champion ram, Pierce Miller; Reserve Champion ram, Jim Cauthorn, Del Rio; Ewe lamb, Lamar Itz, Harper; Two to 4-tooth ewe, James C. Mann, Big Lake; Champion ewe, James C. Mann, Big Lake; Reserve champion ewe, H. Kenny Mann, Big Lake; Get of sire, Jan Jones, Ozona.

JUNIOR DELAINE SHOW

Ram lamb, Hudson Glimp, Burnet; 2 to 4-tooth ram, Thornton Secor, Ingram; Secor also had champion ram; Reserve champion ram, Leroy Keese, Bandera; Ewe lamb, Hudson Glimp; 2 to 4-tooth ewe, Lindeman Bros., Blanco, who also had ewe. Glimp showed reserve champion ewe and first get of sire.

DELAINE-MERINO OPEN

Ram lamb, Don Bradford, Menard; 2-tooth ram, Chester Itz, Harper; 4 to 6-tooth ram, Sagebiel Bros., Fredericksburg; Champion ram, Chester Itz; Reserve champion ram, A. C. Lindemann; Ewe lamb, Chester Itz; Two-tooth ewe, R. R. Walston, Menard; 4to-6-tooth ewe, C. C. Lindemann, Blanco; Champion ewe, Chester Itz; Reserve Champion ewe, Walston; Exhibitor's flock, G. A. Glimp & Son, Burnet; Pen of lambs, G. A. Glimp & Son; Get of Sire, Chester Itz.

SOUTHDOWN

Ram lamb, Duron Howard, Byars, Oklahoma; Two-tooth ram, Robert F. Cresap, Seymour, Ill.; 4 to 6-tooth ram, Cresap; Champion ram, Cresap; Reserve champion ram, Howard; Ewe yamb, Walter Stelzig, Jr., Schulerburg; 2-tooth ewe, Cresap; 4 to 6-tooth ewe, Howard; Champion ewe, Howard; Reserve champion ewe, Cresap; Exhibitor's flock, Cresap; Pen of lambs, Howard; Get of sire, Howard.

SHROPSHIRE

Henry Moehle & Sons Enid, Oklahoma, and Alvi L. Helms, Belleville, Illinois, split the championships and most of the other awards.

COLUMBIAS

Ram lamb, William Menzies, Menard; Two-tooth ram, Four to 6-tooth ram, Champion and Reserve champion ram, L. A. Nordan, Boerne; Ewe lamb, Lewis Schultz; Two-tooth ewe, four to six tooth ewe, and champion ewe, Nordan; Reserve champion ewe, Lewis Schultz; Pen of lambs, William Menzies, Menard; Get of sire, Nordan.

CORRIEDALES

Ram lamb, David Hopf, Harper; Two-tooth ram, Mary Jane Bergman, Round Mountain; 4 to 6-tooth ram, E. Bergman, Round Mountain; Champion ram, Hopf; Reserve champion ram, E. Bergman; Ewe lamb, C. W. Dilliner, Arcola, Illinois; 2-tooth ewe, Dilliner; 4 to 6-tooth ewe, E. Bergman; Champion ewe, E. Bergman; Reserve champion ewe, Dilliner; Exhibitor's flock, Dilliner; Pen of lambs, no entries; Get of sire, E. Bergman.

CHEVIOTS

John E. Sprinkle, Monticello, Illinois, had champion ram; Alvin L. Helm, Belleville, Illinois, had reserve champion ram and champion and reserve champion ewe.

SUFFOLKS

Ram lamb, T. R. Hinton, Keller; Two-tooth ram, G. H. Forester, Del Rio; 4 to 6-tooth ram, Harrison Davis, Dorchester; Champion ram, Hinton; Reserve champion ram, Davis; Ewe lamb, Davis; 2-tooth ewe, Hinton; 4 to 6-tooth ewe, Davis; Champion and reserve champion ewe, Davis; Exhibitor's flock, pen of lambs and get of sire, Davis.

HAMPSHIRE

Ram lamb, Edward Ackmann, Carlyle, Illinois; 2-tooth ram, Mrs. Ammie E. Wilson, Plano; 4 to 6-tooth ram, Mrs. Wilson; Champion ram, Mrs. Wilson; Reserve champion ram, Edward Ackmann; Ewe lamb, Armentrout & Donley, Norborne, Missouri; 2-tooth ewe, Mrs. Wilson; 4 to 6-tooth, Mrs. Wilson; Champion ewe, Armentrout & Donley; Reserve champion ewe, Mrs. Wilson; Exhibitor's flock, pen of lambs and get of sire, Armentrout & Donley.

RAMBOUILLETS

In the Rambouillet open show, Miles Pierce, Alpine, won all first places except the 2-tooth ewe class, which was won by Connie Locklin, Sonora. Pierce had champion and reserve champion ram, champion ewe. Locklin, reserve champion ewe.

MONTADALES

In the Montadale show, John T. May, Gallion, Alabama, showed first ram lamb, reserve champion ram, first ewe lamb, two-tooth ewe,

4 to 6-tooth ewe, champion and reserve champion ewe, first pen of lambs and get of sire. Audrey Head, Snyder, showed first 2-tooth ram; 4 to 6-tooth ram, champion ram.

ANGORA GOAT SHOW (Open)

Buck, 2 years and over, S. W. Dismukes; buck, one year and under two, Bob Sites, Wimberly; Buck kid under one year, C. H. Chaney & Sons, Utopia; Champion buck, Chaney & Sons; Doe, two years and over, Bob Sites; Doe, one year and under two, Sites; Doe kid under one year, Frankie Allsup, Medina; Champion doe, Breeder's flock, get of sire, Sites.

JUNIOR GOAT SHOW

Buck kid, John C. Fisher, Kerrville; Champion buck, Fisher; Reserve champion buck, Douglas Bode, Harper; Doe kid, 2 to 4-tooth doe, champion and reserve champion doe, Delbert Oehler, Harper.

Wool and Mohair Fleece Show

RAMBOUILLET

Aged ram, Theodore Oehler, Harper; Yearling ram, Connie Locklin; Aged ewe, Milroy Powell, Center Point; Yearling ewe, Jan VanderStucken, Sonora.

DELAINE-MERINO

Aged ram, A. C. Lindeman, Blanco; Yearling ram, Francis E. Kott, Kerrville; Aged ewe, Thornton Secor, Ingram; Yearling ewe, Thornton Secor.

COLUMBIA

Aged ram and aged ewe, L. A. Nordan, Boerne.

Champion Fleece of Purebred Exhibit, Joe VanderStucken; Fine wool aged ram, Joe Friess; Fine wool yearling ram, Anna Rose Glasscock, Sonora; Fine wool yearling ewe, Dave Locklin; Half blood yearling ewe, Guy Powell, Kerrville; Champion fleece of range exhibit, Anna Rose Glasscock; Grand champion fleece of wool, Jan VanderStucken; Best group of five fleeces from one breeder, Connie Locklin; Best county exhibit, Sutton County; Aged Angora buck, Tommy Carpenter, Medina; Angora buck kid, Steve Smith, Goldthwaite; Aged Angora doe, Angora doe kid and champion fleece of purebred exhibit, Herbie Oehler. Aged doe and champion fleece of range exhibit, Tommy Carpenter; Grand champion fleece of mohair, Herbie Oehler, Harper; Best group of five fleeces from one breeder, Howard G. Hay, Bandera; Best County exhibits, Kerr County 4-H.

FORT WORTH SHOW

(First Places only)

HAMPSHIRE

Four to 6-tooth ram: Mrs. Ammie Wilson, Plano; Two-tooth ram: Armentrout & Donley, Plano; Ram Lamb: Edward Ackmann, Carlyle, Illinois; 4 to 6-tooth ewe: Harrison Davis, Dorchester; 2-tooth ewe: Oklahoma A. & M. College, Stillwater, Oklahoma; Ewe Lamb: Armentrout & Donley; Champion Ram: Mrs. Wilson; Reserve Champion Ram: Edward Ackmann; Champion Ewe: Harrison Davis; Reserve Champion Ewe: Exhibitor's flock, Pen of lambs, and get of sire: Armentrout & Donley.

RAMBOUILLETS

Miles Pierce had the Champion and Reserve Champion Ram, Champion Ewe, and all first places with the exception of 4 to 6-tooth ewe, which was exhibited by W. A. Strickland of Brady. Strickland also had Reserve Champion Ewe.

DELAINE-MERINOS

Hudson Glimp showed the champion ram and first place ram lamb; A. C. Lindeman & Sons, Blanco showed Reserve champion ram, first place 4 to 6-tooth ram, 2-tooth ram, 2-tooth ewe, Exhibitor's flock, Pen of lambs, and get of sire, G. A. Glimp, Burnet, had champion and reserve champion ewe, first place 4 to 6-tooth ewe, and ewe lamb.

MONTADALES

John Thomas May, Gallion, Alabama, showed the champion and reserve champion ram and first place 4 to 6-tooth ram, 2-tooth ram, ram lamb, 2-tooth ewe, pen of lambs and get of sire, Audrey Head, Snyder, showed the champion and reserve champion ewe and first place 4 to 6-tooth ewe, ewe lamb, and exhibitor's flock.

CHEVIOTS

In the Cheviot show, Alvin Helms, Belleville, Illinois, showed the champion and reserve champion ram and the champion and reserve champion ewe, also first place 2-tooth ram lamb, 4 to 6-tooth ewe, ewe lamb, and exhibitor's flock. Donald Helms, Belleville, Ill., showed the first place 2-tooth ewe.

CORRIEDALES

C. W. Dilliner, Arcola, Illinois, exhibited the champion and reserve champion ram and reserve champion ewe; also all first places except the 4 to 6-tooth class which was shown by E. Bergman, Round Mountain. Bergman also had the champion ewe.

SUFFOLKS (First Places)

Four to 6-tooth ram: Harrison Davis, Dorchester; 2-tooth ram, Davis; ram lamb: T. R. Hinton, Keller; 4 to 6-tooth ewe: Cox & McAdams, Celina; 2-tooth ewe: Oklahoma A. & M. College, Stillwater; ewe lamb: Oklahoma A. & M. College, Stillwater; Reserve champion ram: Hinton; Champion ewe: Cox & McAdams; Reserve champion ewe: Oklahoma A. & M.; Exhibitor's flock: Harrison Davis; pen of lambs: Oklahoma A. & M. College; get of sire: Oklahoma A. & M.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We have attempted to cover most of the main features of the major sheep shows held in Texas to date of publication. We regret that not all the photographs of winners were available. Results and photographs of the various shows, sheep and goat divisions, will be given next month, also.

SHROPSHIRE (First Places)

Four to 6-tooth ram: H. M. Baer, St. Jacob, Illinois; Ram lamb: Carol Wood, Union City, Oklahoma; 4 to 6-tooth ewe: Oklahoma A. & M.; 2-tooth ewe: Oklahoma A. & M.; ewe lamb: Ronald Dick, Waukomis, Oklahoma; Champion ram: H. M. Baer; Reserve champion lamb: Carol Wood; champion ewe: Oklahoma A. & M.; Reserve champion ewe: Ronald Dick; Exhibitor's flock: Oklahoma A. & M.; pen of lambs: Oscar Winchester & Sons; get of sire: Winchester.

RAMBOUILLETS AND MERINOS (First Places)

Wether lamb, Jean Pafford, Mullin; pen of 3 wether lambs, Milford Blanton, Santa Anna.

SOUTHDOWN

Wether lambs, Phil Simco, Sentineal, Oklahoma; Pen of 3 wether lambs, Oklahoma A. & M.

SHROPSHIRE

Wether lambs, Jess Davis, Oklahoma City; Pen of three wether lambs, Oklahoma A. & M.

HAMPSHIRE

Wether lamb, David Smith, Union City, Oklahoma; Pen of 3 wether lambs, Oklahoma A. & M.

CORRIEDALES

Wether lamb, Milford Blanton, Santa Anna; Pen of 3 wether lambs, Milford Blanton.

OTHER BREEDS AND CROSSBREDS

Wether lambs, James Atchley, Sentinel, Oklahoma; Pen of 3, Gene Joyce, Coleman.

Champion fine wool lamb of show, Jean Pafford, Mullin; Champion Southdown or Southdown cross of show, Lenis Gregg, Plainview; Champion Medium Wool lamb of show (other than Southdown), David Smith; Grand champion wether lamb of show, Lenis Gregg, Plainview.

HOUSTON SHOW

ANGORA GOATS

Champion B-type buck, Bobby Sites; Reserve, H. R. Sites, Wimberly; B-type doe, Bobby Sites; Reserve, Herbie Oehler, Harper; C-type buck, H. Oehler; Reserve, Sites; C-type doe, Delbert Oehler; Reserve, H. Oehler.

SUFFOLKS

Harrison Davis, Dorchester, had the champion and reserve champion ram, reserve champion ewe; T. R. Hinton, champion ewe.

SOUTHDOWN

Miles Pierce, Kerrville, champion ram; R. F. Cresap, Seymour, Ill., champion ewe; Reserve, W. Stelzig, Jr., Schulerburg.

COLUMBIAS

L. A. Nordan, Boerne, all champions.

RAMBOUILLETS

Miles Pierce, champions and first places in all classes.

MONTADALES

John T. May, Gallion, Alabama, both champions; Audrey Head, Snyder, reserves.

DELAINE

A. C. Lindeman, Blanco, champion ram; Lindeman Bros., Blanco, reserve; R. R. Walston, champion ewe; Prentice D. Head, Goldthwaite, reserve.

SHROPSHIRE

Champion ram and reserve, Henry Moehle and Sons, Enid, Oklahoma; also champion and reserve ewe.

CORRIEDALES

David Hopf and E. Dean Hopf, Harper, Texas, showed all champions in this class.

Other results and photographs of winning sheep and goats will appear in later issues of this magazine.



Champion Rambouillet Ram at San Antonio

Pierce Rambouillets Again Sweep Show Circuit

MILES PIERCE, Alpine, with his Rambouillets of V. I. and Miles Pierce, Alpine and Ozona, breeding, again has swept the Texas show circuit of Fort Worth, El Paso, San Antonio and Houston.

Shown here is Miles Pierce with one of his show rams. He is UNO CHANCE out of Happy Chance line. He is a progeny tested ram. He also had the champion ewe, King Altuda IV A 189. This flock is probably the only one in the Rambouillet field naming bloodlines in an attempt to watch more closely the bloodlines of more productive sheep.

The Pierce sheep bloodlines also did well in the boys' show at San Antonio as James and Kenny Mann, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mann of Big

Lake, showed the champion and reserve champion ewe. The ewes are full daughters of the Golden Ram Trophy winner of 1955 at San Angelo and are of the Pierce successful "King Altuda" bloodlines.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS MOHAIR

WHILE Miss Mohair who, incidentally, is Miss Elizabeth Ann Hough of Rocksprings, was attending the Houston Fat Stock Show she was presented at the annual banquet of the stockholders of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank in the Rice Hotel. Miss Hough is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hough and is very graciously and capably representing the industry.

FINE WOOL AND CLIPPINGS

A MAN who knew his wife wanted a medallion undertook to buy her one for a gift. By the time he got to the department store he had forgotten what they were called. Luckily, at a nearby counter he spotted a young salesgirl who had a medallion hanging from a chain around her neck. He went up to her, pointed to it, and asked, "What do you call those things and where do you buy them?"

Blushing furiously, she replied, "Falsies. Second floor, in lingerie."

THERE'S really only one thing wrong with the younger generation . . . a lot of us don't belong to it anymore.

"MAMMA, if I get married will I have a husband like Daddy?"

"Yes, dear."

"And if I don't get married will I be an old maid like Aunt Minnie?"

"Yes, dear."

"Mama, it's a tough world for us women, isn't it?"

NATIVES who beat drums to beat off evil spirits are objects of scorn to smart American motorists who blow horns to break up traffic jams.

CAPTAIN (on ferry, shouting down to crew's quarters): "Is there a mackintosh down there big enough to keep two young ladies warm?"

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there's a McPherson who's willing to try."

TOMMY: "Mom, is it true that we come from dust and will return to dust?"

Mom: "Yes, dear, that's what the Bible says. Why?"

Tommy: "Well, I just looked under my bed and there's somebody there, either coming or going."

DOCTOR: "Madam, your husband must have absolute rest."

Wife: "But, Doctor, he won't listen to me."

Doctor: "A very good beginning madam, a very good beginning."

THE man who was suing over an automobile accident was on the stand; the defendant's counsel took over.

"Did you, or did you not," he asked the plaintiff, "at the time of the accident when asked if you were hurt, reply that you weren't?"

"Well," said the plaintiff, "it was like this:

"I was going along the road with my old horse and wagon, and along comes this motorist and knocks us into the ditch. You never saw such a mess in all your life. There I was flat on my back with my legs in the air. There was my horse on his back,

with his legs in the air. And there was my wagon, with its wheels in the air. This motorist stops his car, gets out, and looks at us. He sees my horse has a broken leg. He goes back to his car, gets a pistol and shoots him. Then he comes up to me and says:

"Now, what about you? Are you hurt?"

AN elderly retired couple from a remote mill town was visiting New York for the first time. The sights seemed to interest the old gentleman more than his wife, who finally exclaimed, "John, the way you stare at these city women is something scandalous. A body'd think you'd never seen legs before."

"Well," John mused, "that's what I was thinking myself."

WHEN a girl sneezes it is a sign that she is catching cold. When she yawns it is a sign that she has gotten cold.

A COUPLE of sailors got into a discussion over the kind of animal a heifer was. One sailor claimed that the heifer belonged to the hog family, the other that it was a variety of sheep.

Finally, they called in Boatswain Bill. "Bill, wot's a heifer—is it a hog or a sheep?" they asked.

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BUDGET OF THE NATIONAL

Salt Lake City 1, Utah
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TO STATE ASSOCIATIONS:

As most of you know, the Executive Committee at its final meeting in Las Vegas adopted the following motion in regard to the budget of the National Wool Growers Association for the fiscal year, November 1, 1956, through October 31, 1957:

"That we establish a budget of \$65,000 to be met by the states on a quota basis and, further, that the \$5,000 estimated net income from the National Ram Sale be set up as a contingency fund to be used as necessary for any one of the items on the budget; if not used, this fund would pass into reserve."

Of course, the \$5,000 which the American Wool Council formerly contributed to the expense of the Salt Lake office is no longer available due to the discontinuance of collections for the American Wool Council with the establishment of the ASPC. The National Wool Growers Association, therefore, is not only having to meet this added share of the Salt Lake office expense but we also have set up in our budget \$2,500 to meet travel expenses of our American Wool Council representatives to Wool Bureau meetings in New York City. This expense, also, was formerly borne by the American Wool Council treasury.

In line with the action of the Executive Committee, each state's

quota on the basis of \$65,000 for the 1956-57 fiscal year will be as follows:

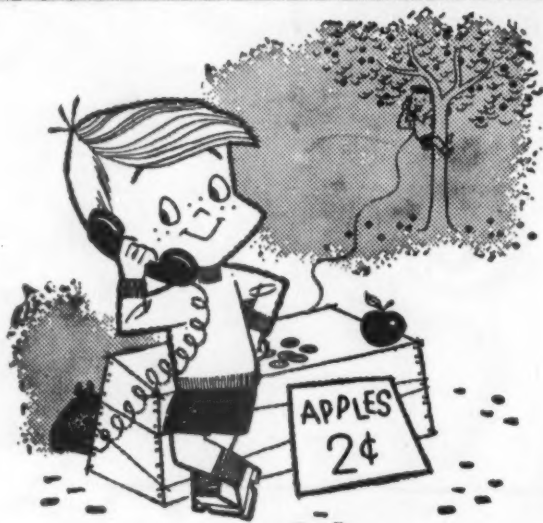
State	Jan. 1, 1957 U.S. Inventory	Figure Used (000)	1956-57 Quota
Arizona	422	152†	\$ 751
California	1,632	1,632	8,068
Colorado	1,167	1,167	5,769
Idaho	999	999	4,939
Montana	1,526	1,526	7,544
Nevada	448	448	2,215
Oregon	822	822	4,064
S. Dakota	1,161	650†	3,213
Texas	4,374	2,187††	10,912
Utah	1,355	1,355	6,699
Washington	250	250	1,236
Wyoming	1,960	1,960	9,690
Totals	16,116	13,148	\$65,000

Exceptions Approved by the Executive Committee

† 270,000 Indian owned sheep deducted.
‡ Sheep in Counties West of Missouri River or 56 percent of total inventory.
†† 50 percent of inventory figure deduction allowed to cover work on grazing matters in which Texas Association is not interested.
* From page 15, "Livestock & Poultry Inventory, January 1" showing Stock Sheep and Lambs on Farms, January 1, 1957, released February 14, 1957, by USDA Agricultural Marketing Service.

We are pleased to report that during our recent convention, Montana made a payment of \$7,000 for the current fiscal year, which represents 93 percent of that state's quota for 1956-57.

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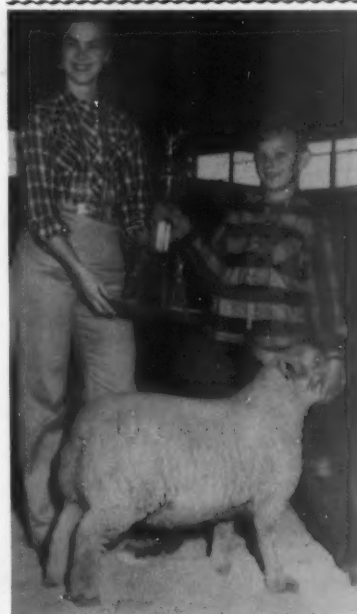
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**CHAMPION ANGORA BUCK
(Below)**

H. B. Hyde with a yearling Angora buck won in both county and district shows at Kerrville, January 22. Young Hyde lives at Mountain Home.



Mrs. Ammie E. Wilson, President Purebred Sheep Breeders of Texas

MRS. AMMIE E. WILSON of Plano was re-elected president of the Purebred Sheep Breeders' Association of Texas in its annual meeting held in



MRS. AMMIE E. WILSON

LAMB LUNCHEON SCHEDULED

AN "Eat More Lamb Luncheon" is scheduled for 12:30 P.M. March 30 at Lampasas. The luncheon is to be held in connection with the Lampasas County Youth Commercial Lamb Feeding Program. The lambs will be assembled in Lampasas and graded by Mr. Thomas of the Shirley Commission Company, prior to shipping to Fort Worth.

Casbeer Snell, Chairman of the County Lamb Committee, stated that it is felt this program has had some success in interesting young people in such activity.

ANGORA GOAT INFORMATION DESIRED

FOR SOME time I have been a subscriber to your magazine and enjoy it. I have read your articles on "Management of the Farm Flock" and enjoyed what I have read. May I suggest that you devote a little more space to the problems of the small producer of commercial Angoras like me.

VAL BENNETT
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Fort Worth, January 29. Mrs. Wilson, known far and wide as a Hampshire breeder, presided at a meeting of about 60 breeders and guests. Vice-President-elect was Hamilton Choat or Olney and J. P. Heath of Argyle was re-elected secretary. Directors of the organization elected included Movelda Maddox for Shropshires; A. C. Lindemann for Delaines; Elmo Todd, Hampshires; Harrison Davis, Suffolks; Miles Perce, fine wool; L. N. Cox, medium wool, and Dr. T. D. Watkins, Texas A. & M., for the sheep industry.

The breeders discussed plans for a new breeder directory in which it was decided that the text would also appear in Spanish; that Mexican buyers might also be interested. The booklet is expected to be ready by the time of the Brownwood sale.

It was voted to hold the Brownwood sale on the 26 and 27 of April.

It was also voted to ask the management of the sheep shows that the rule be changed that lamb flock not necessarily be bred by the owner of the flock. It was also voted to recommend that shows maintain the get of sire classification.

Named on the committee for the preparation of the sale were W. H. Strickland, Finley Brewster and Hamilton Choat.

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states that sometimes twice as many lambs graded choice when fed pelleted alfalfa than when fed chopped alfalfa. The cost of pellets, Weir says, will largely determine whether it will be profitable to use the pelleted feed. He estimates that an added cost of up to \$10 a ton for pelleting may pay off in heavier, higher-grade lambs.

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In Memoriam

OTIS D. WEST

OTIS D. WEST, 55, died at his home in Paint Rock, December 19. Mr. West was born in Stephens County in 1901 and moved to Concho County in 1919. He married Miss Mary Patton in 1923 in Abilene. The couple ranched in Concho County. Surviving are his wife; a daughter, Mrs. H. A. Stephenson, Paint Rock; three sisters, Mrs. H. M. Langford, Olton; Mrs. Sam Taylor, Breckenridge, and Mrs. H. G. Fambough, Clifton; a brother, J. C. West, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and three grandchildren.

FRANK EDWARDS

FRANK M. EDWARDS, 101, died in a rest home in Houston, December 16. Born in San Antonio in 1855, Mr. Edwards started ranching in 1873 on the Culebra Ranch near San Antonio. He later moved to Kerr County where he ranched for many years. When 80 years of age he built a rock home between Ingram and Hunt. He is said to have swam practically every day in the Guadalupe River near his home when he was 100 years of age. Surviving are four daughters, 10 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

C. P. GRAY

C. P. GRAY, 85, died at his Brady home, January 6, after a long illness. He had ranched in McCulloch County about 59 years. Mr. Gray was born in Williamson County in 1871. He and his son, T. Gray, were partners in the operation of the ranch of around 20,000 acres on the San Saba River. He was a member of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Association and has served as a director of the Brady National Bank. He married Miss Nettie May at Valley Springs in 1895. Surviving are his wife; his son, T. Gray of Brady; a sister, Mrs. Annie Gray Lange, Llano; two grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

W. E. WITTENBURG

WILLIAM EMANUEL WITTENBURG, age 79, passed away at El Campo, Texas, January 23rd, and was buried in the family lot at Senterfitt Cemetery at Lometa on January 24th, the Rev. James A. Donnelly, C.S.C., officiating. Rosary services were said at St. Mary's Catholic Church at Lampasas.

William Wittenburg was born February 13, 1878, in Bell County, Texas, the son of William M. and Augusta L. Wittenburg, who came to this country from Westphalia, Germany. The family moved to Lampasas County in 1880, and purchased a ranch west of Lometa, where he spent the balance of his useful life. His father was a Confederate soldier, and went through the Civil War with his very close friend, the late Col. W. L. Moody, Sr., of Galveston. This friendship continued throughout the many years both lived, and made frequent family visits as preserved letters show.

Will Wittenburg was endeared to all people of the Lometa community and all others who knew him, by his kind and always friendly greeting, never ruffled, no matter how adverse the going might be. He was instrumental in creating, along with other members of the family, one of the finest clips of Delaine wool ever known in Texas. The Wittenburg clip was known in Boston and all woolen mills of the East for over 60 years.

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Mr. Wittenburg was a very devout life member of the Catholic Church, a graduate of St. Edwards College of Austin, Texas. For many years he was a director of the Lometa State Bank until its closing in 1925. He was married to Blanche E. Howard of San Saba County, December 29, 1907, who was deceased May 5, 1922. The survivors of this union are Mrs. Edwin Berger, Weimar, Texas; W. H. Wittenburg, Lometa, and Mrs. John S. Kuykendall of Houston, together with five grandchildren. Also surviving are a sister, Mrs. H. S. Davis, and a brother, Fred Wittenburg of Rock Springs. The family have extensive ranch holdings in Edwards and Lampasas Counties. The brothers and sisters deceased are Odus W. Wittenburg, Peter Wittenburg, Mrs. Addie Morgan, and Mrs. J. L. Buttrill.

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HUGO T. VIERTEL

HUGO T. VIERTEL, 81, prominent banker and ranchman, died at his home near Cranfills Gap, January 1, 1957, after suffering a heart attack. Mr. Viertel was born in Washington County in 1875. In 1890 he joined two of his brothers, Paul and Mangus Viertel, near Cranfills Gap, where he engaged in breeding fine Angora goats, Rambouillet sheep and Hereford cattle. For many years he was a member of the board of First Security State Bank of Cranfills Gap and a stockholder in the Farmers State Bank in Clifton. In 1905 Mr. Viertel married Miss Camilla Schulz of the Boggy community. Surviving are his wife; two sons, Hubert and Ernst; a daughter, Mrs. Albert Meissner; one brother, Otto Viertel of Cranfills Gap; one sister, Mrs. Conrad Bremer, Needville, and eight grandchildren.

R. R. WOOTEN

RILEY R. WOOTEN, 68, pioneer farmer of the McAdoo community, died at his home December 30, following a heart attack. Mr. Wooten had lived on a farm in the McAdoo community since 1901. Surviving are his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Noble Hunsacker, McAdoo; Mrs. L. J. Hurst, Lorenzo, and Mrs. Jos. Beyer, Crane, and seven grandsons.

JOHN CALHOUN DEES

JOHN CALHOUN DEES, 79, died at Fort Stockton, January 15, after a long illness. A pioneer Pecos County ranchman, Mr. Dees moved to Fort Stockton from Lampasas in 1879. He was born in Lampasas County. Surviving are his daughter, Mrs. Henry Murray, Fort Stockton; five brothers, Frank Dees, Sierra Blanca; Willie Dees, Arizona; Bob Dees, Odessa; Albert Dees, Las Cruces, New Mexico and Charles Dees, Fort Stockton; and two sisters, Mrs. M. B. Stackbein, Cross Plains, and Mrs. Zora Pool, Midland.

ADRIAN FOOTE

ADRIAN FOOTE, 62, died January 6 enroute to the hospital at Clifton from his ranch near Turnersville, Texas, after suffering a heart attack. Mr. Foote was born at Turnersville in 1895 and had ranched near Turnersville most of his adult life. In 1921 he married Miss Elizabeth Taylor in Troy, Alabama, who survives him. Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. G. S. Weber and Miss Adrienne Foote, of Fort Worth; a sister, Mrs. C. H. Boswell, Turnersville, and two grandsons, Gary and Michael Weber, Fort Worth.

RICHARD C. HAWKINS

RICHARD C. (RED) HAWKINS, 68, died February 10 in a Galveston hospital. Born in Kyle, Hays County, Mr. Hawkins came to Del Rio in 1910. He was a former Texas Ranger and was Captain of Ranger Company C, 1936-39, stationed at Del Rio. He served as Chief of Police in Del Rio 1940-50 and as Security Officer in Las Vegas, Nevada, until four years ago when he retired because of ill health. He served a number of years as special officer for the Cattle Raisers' Association.

Surviving are his widow; one daughter, Mrs. Michael Schilick; one son, Fred Hawkins of Del Rio; grandsons, Richard Goynes and Michael Schilick, Jr.; four sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Crowe, Van Nuys, California; Mrs. Mary Idela Kennedy, Beaumont; Mrs. Margaret Duty and Miss Frances Hawkins, San Antonio; two brothers, Cecil R. Hawkins, Galveston and Tom Hawkins, California.



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In Memoriam



A PIONEER PASSES

SOL MAYER

SOL MAYER, 88, well known West Texas banker and ranchman, died February 18 in a Dallas sanitarium after suffering a stroke. Mr. Mayer had ranches in Pecos, Sutton, Schleicher, Edwards, Jeff Davis and several other West Texas counties.

He donated thousands of dollars to young people's organizations and educational institutions. He gave a 300-acre piece of land to the Boy Scouts for a campsite which is called the Camp Sol Mayer. Among his many contributions were those to the West Texas Boys Ranch, the Community Gym of San Angelo, West Texas civic organizations, The San Angelo College, Tom Green County Library and many others.

Mr. Mayer was born in San Antonio in 1869. He has served as both director and president of the San Angelo National Bank, president of the Security State Bank of Pecos. He helped organize the First National Bank, Eldorado, and the Ozona National Bank. He was president of the National Wool Marketing Corporation, president of the Val Verde Land and Cattle Co., vice-president of the Mount Castle Land and Irrigation Co. He was a director of the Texas Livestock Marketing Association and of the Finance Credit Corporation, a former director of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association and the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association. He has run Hereford and Angus cattle and Rambouillet and Suffolk sheep.

Surviving are his wife; one son, Edwin S. Mayer, ranchman of Sonora; five grandchildren: Edwin S. Mayer, Jr., Barnhart; Ralph Mayer, Robert Mayer and Richard Mayer and Mrs. Norman Roussolot, all of Sonora; also seven great-grandchildren.

E. S. CAMPBELL

E. S. (NED) CAMPBELL, ranchman of Paint Rock and a former resident of San Angelo, died in Amarillo, February 2. Surviving are his wife; two sons, David Campbell of Amarillo and Fred Campbell of Laramie, Wyoming; a daughter, Mrs. John Galt, Pittsfield, Massachusetts; two brothers, J. S. Campbell, Amarillo and Dale Campbell, Dallas.

H. M. McELROY

H. M. McELROY, Vocational Agriculture instructor at Eden, was killed in a highway accident February 23. His daughter, Beth, 16, received minor injuries and Ronald McGuffin, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett McGuffin, was injured seriously when thrown from the back of the pickup. McElroy, with members of the Eden FFA Chapter, was taking two loads of lambs to the Houston Fat Stock Show when the accident happened.

After graduating from Texas A. & M., McElroy went to Eden in 1923. After teaching at Eola, Del Rio and Junction, he returned to Eden in 1937.

Surviving are his wife; three daughters, Beth, Lucy Carol and Marcia; and two sons, Jim McElroy of El Paso and John McElroy, Eden.

J. M. STEWART

JOHN MILTON STEWART, 95, pioneer West Texas ranchman, died at his home in Mason, February 7. Mr. Stewart was born in Fort Worth in 1861. He had lived in Mason about six years. Surviving are his wife; a son, Gordon Stewart, Junction; a daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Jones, Uvalde, and two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Hazelton and Mrs. Dora Cole of Arizona.

MOHAIR TO NEW HIGH

WITH SPRING shearing of mohair under way Angora goat raisers face the season with over half of the clip sold — an estimated 5½ million pounds of an estimated 9,250,000-pound clip.

One of the top sales was that of 91½c a pound for adult and \$1.16½ on kid hair for the spring clip of the Producers Wool and Mohair Company, Del Rio. It is possible that this tonnage will go to 350,000 pounds, perhaps a little less. The buyer was C. J. Webre, Jr., San Angelo, representing Forte, Dupee, Sawyer Company.

Some believe that the mohair sales have been for the export trade.

Another price of 95c on adult hair and \$1.20 for kid hair for 200,000 pounds was reported in February.

FIVE OR SIX INCHES

I WISH to notify you of my change of address to Harper, Texas, effective 1 March, 1957.

My wife and I have enjoyed reading the magazine immensely. While stationed here in Europe, it has been our only source of information about the sheep and goat industry.

We are looking forward to returning to Texas—and hoping for a medium type weather between this, where it rains five or six days each week, and some of the sunshine and dust at home.

CHARLES D. SCHMIDT
1st Lt, USAF

LIKE A LETTER

KEEP ON sending me the magazine. It is like a letter from West Texas every time I get it.

KATE ADELE HILL
Studies and Training Leader
College Station, Texas

Conservation-Wise

By BILL ALLRED

Soil Conservation Service

BETTER USE of tobosa was obtained by use of a two-wire electric fence on the Jornada Range Experiment Station north of Las Cruces, New Mexico. The electric fence kept animals off nearby black grama, which cattle choose over tobosa. Fifty-five grown cattle grazed on 718 acres of tobosa for 30 days and gained 2.9 percent in weight.

A New Mexico cattle study shows that the occurrence of cancer-eye greatly increases with age. There appears to be a strong hereditary weakness for it, and heritability estimates go up to as much as 25 percent.

Pasture grazing trials with an experimental salt-penicillium mix indicates satisfactory control of bloat on over 3,000 test-cattle in three southern states. In the spring before these farmers started feeding cattle the antibiotic-salt mix, they lost 70 head of cattle from bloat.

Bloat in the United States causes losses of nearly forty million dollars annually due to death and losses in production. A large part of these losses are due to legumes in pasture mixtures, but feedlot bloating also is a large problem.

Experiments at Miles City, Montana; Colorado, and Texas show that greater length in our cattle results in carcass with more red meat. The greater body length adds to the capacity of cattle which helps it to put on bigger gains on grass and other

roughages which make for cheapest gains and greatest profits. With greater length in rib and loin comes more of the expensive cuts and the longer the rump the heavier the hind quarter.

University of Arizona experiments show that there was one pound difference at birth between calves from Hereford cows bred to Angus bulls and Hereford cows bred to Herefords. At birth crossbred bull calves weighed 64 pounds, heifers 58 pounds. Straight Hereford-bred bull calves weighed 65 pounds and heifers 59 pounds.

Bluestem ranges produced more beef per acre than buffalo grass ranges even though the soil on both was similar, according to the Oklahoma Agricultural College in the station's summary of a 553-steer grazing experiment on the old remount station at Fort Reno.

Grazing period started the first week in May and ended either August 15 or September 15. Three different lots of steers were fed concentrates on grass to finish them for slaughter. Corn was more efficient than either cottonseed meal or 20 percent protein pellets. Steers carried to September 15 made \$21.00 a head more profit than steers carried to August 15. The latter date is a more favorable selling time for finished slaughter steers, but the reserve is true where grass stocker cattle are concerned.

SHEEP LIQUIDATION

TOM GLAZE of the Agricultural Research Department of Swift and Company, summarized the sheep situation in December as below. His livestock analysis has proved accurate and is worth examining in its entirety:

So in summary, it appears that:

(a) Little change is likely in January, 1957, cattle inventory.

(b) The cow herd numbers probably is near stable.

(c) Young stock on farms and ranches will remain large but probably contain fewer heavy steers and more calves than last January.

(d) With this prospective inventory, cattle and calf slaughter in 1957 appears fully as great as this year—however slaughter weights may average lighter than 1956.

(e) Slaughter in 1957 will include as many or more fed cattle, though lighter in weight.

(f) With supplies staying cyclical large, no marked change in cattle prices is likely.

(g) Fed cattle prices may decline seasonally this winter but are almost certainly not to repeat their lows of early 1956.

(h) Since the supply of fed cattle for slaughter in 1957 will probably

be distributed more evenly, a price rise in summer of 1957 equal to this past summer not likely.

(i) The supply and price of hogs will likely be closer to those of this past fall.

(j) Sheep and lambs are neither increasing or decreasing nationally.

(k) Expansion in the East is offset by reductions in Southwest and parts of the West.

(l) Lambs estimated to be on feed January 1—about 4,100,000 head—about the same as year ago.

(m) With the rise in lamb prices last May, these more favorable levels may continue through first half of 1957.

TEXANS IN WOOL COUNCIL BUREAU

S. L. STUMBERG, Sanderson, and E. S. Mayer, Sonora, were named to important wool posts in grower meetings at Las Vegas, Nevada, January 21.

Mr. Stumberg was elected vice-president of the American Wool Council and Mr. Mayer was named a director of the Wool Bureau as the Wool Council's representative. Ken Sexton, Willows, California, was named President of the Council.

NEW EDITOR

BUZZY STOKES, well known to West Texas ranch people, is now the editor of a publication called "Agricultural Backlash." He reports that circulation of this thriving publication is now approaching the 1,500 mark but that he has not decided to accept advertising in its sixth number of volume one. The information of the lively kind Buzzy has undoubtedly picked up over numerous cups of coffee. A few asterisks covering vacant spaces no doubt indicate that that particular item was censored. Incidentally, the funds for the publication are furnished by the Brady Mills, Inc., of Brady, of which Mr. Stokes is president. One of the sage observations in the publication is:

"Never mind the cigar—what this country needs is a good five-cent nickel."

We will also pass along one of his Soil Conservation observations as follows:

"If one inch of water ran off one acre of land, a tank wagon hauling a ton would have to make 113 trips to bring the water back."

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TAX PROPOSAL TO MEET OPPOSITION

IT IS expected that mounting opposition will face the current proposal to place a livestock sales tax on all livestock sold through the central markets or through auction rings or to traders or other ranchmen in country sales. The proposed tax would amount to 5c per head on cattle sold, 3 cents on swine and 1 cent on sheep and goats.

We believe that this tax would be costly to collect and even more costly and troublesome to enforce. Moreover the tax places a burden upon a segment of the state's productive enterprise which is at the present time most distressed.

Of course it is imperative that healthy livestock be grown on farms and ranches of the state. That is in the grower's interest but it is also emphatically to the interest of the public to have clean, wholesome, nutritious milk, poultry and livestock produce.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

I am moving to Copperas Cove and can be contacted at Mobile Motel, Phone Montrose - 73553. I will continue to operate my livestock commission business and to handle my auctioneering of livestock sales.

LEM JONES

COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS

squeeze forcing more and more producers to the wall, Texas is very likely to be importing increasing amounts of its livestock food products at an increasingly high cost. The saving therefore of the comparatively small sum of money necessary to finance properly an efficient livestock sanitary commission program would be negligible and the risk would be evident that the increased cost of food-stuff which would necessarily be shipped in would more than offset the savings, if any should accrue.

We believe that the cost of the livestock sanitary program should be

shouldered by all the people as all are protected through its work.

SYNTHETICS

For whatever good it may do the wool growers, they can mull over the fact that during the first half of 1956 the production of synthetic fiber, including glass fiber, was two percent below the previous year. However, the impetus of synthetics has in no way been slowed nor, and this is important, is it expected to be slowed. Both cotton and wool will have to fight to maintain a place in the world-wide battle of fibers.

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FOXTAIL JOHNSON OBJECTS

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nages to think up all the devilment
they commit. They must subscribe to
a suggestion service run by experi-
enced grownups.

Lotsa times parents don't know
where their children is till the young-
uns land in the hospittle or the grave-
yard. Then they know.

No, sir! I ain't a bit saddisfied with
that last rain we had. It coulda been
twice as heavy and it coulda been
two rains.

Polecat Huckey says this brisk
weather fills him with vim and am-
bishun. Evry night he goes to the
pool hall and plays seven games of
kelly 'stead of the usual five.

If you could take Josh Blicher's in-
come and spend it along with mine,
I could balance my budget. Uncle
Sam he takes both our incomes and
still runs in the hole.

Remember when we used to fret
because our younguns wouldn't read
nothin' but commick books? In this
TV age nobody reads commicks but
the intellectuals.

Nub Plinker says it ain't so that
his car turned over in a cactus patch
and a havvaleena tied into him. He

SHEEP & GOAT RAISER

looks like he got in the way of a mis-
guided missil 'cause Mrs. Plinker sent
him to the store to buy some things
and he forgot the tradin' stamps.

They been fooled a thousand times
but farmers is still lookin' for a new
meeracle crop. One that won't do a
magic disappearin' act after one har-
vest.

A new Cowland Apparel Shop has
opened for business over to Beaver
Slide. It features genuine western
styles straight from New York and
some of 'em from Paris.

Congress is in session and so is
most of the 48 state ledgislachers. We
seem to be standin' it pretty good, so
why fret about World War III?

San Angelo has sent Abilene a bill
for half the cost of her fancy new
double duty jail. Says it's only fair
'cause she wouldn't need no jail at all
if it wasn't for visitin' Abilenians (so
they say).

No wonder we got so many drunk
drivers. The new cars is so freakish
lookin' that a feller has got to be
plumb drunk to buy one.

Way some people drive, I wonder
how they ever lived long enough to
save up the down payment.

Our Hardscrabble bank advertises
that it has got money to loan to any-
body that's sober and owns real estate.
Well, I own some real estate.

The man that can make money
faster'n his family can spend it sure
ain't got much of a family.

I love to listen to real success
stories, but if the secret of your suc-
cess is hard work I don't want to hear
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A NEW cross-breeding program for producing more vigorous sheep was outlined during the 1957 Animal Husbandry Livestock Day on the University of California campus at Davis.

A criss-cross breeding program would insure the rancher continuing hybrid vigor in his sheep, said Glen M. Spurlock, acting assistant professor of animal husbandry at Davis. Hybrid ewes would give more milk and produce hardier, faster-gaining lambs, he said.

Any two breeds of sheep can be used in the program, said Spurlock. For example Rambouillet ewes can be crossed to Panama rams. The cross-bred ewe lambs can be placed in Flock I to be crossed to Rambouillet rams.

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The blood percentages of Flock II ewes will standardize at two-thirds Rambouillet and one-third Panama. These ewes are always bred to Panama rams.

A three-way rotational cross with three breeds would produce even more hybrid vigor in the sheep, he said. The same general procedures for criss-cross breeding would be used.

DAGUE RETIRES FROM CONNECTICUT

E. PAUL DAGUE, well known to ranch people throughout the Southwest, has announced his retirement from the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, after 25 years of service as manager of the Texas Farm Loan Office with headquarters in Lubbock.

Succeeding Mr. Dague is William Williams now of Gatesville, a graduate of Texas A. & M. College. He joined the firm in 1951 and has been serving as assistant manager since last year. He and his wife and their two daughters will live in Lubbock.

The Connecticut General Farm Loan office is at 211 Insurance Building in Lubbock. The company offers farm and ranch loan services in Texas and most of the other southwestern states.

Many thousands of dollars in orders for U. S. cattle were recently cancelled by Australians by order of the Australian Minister of Health. Reason given, fear of blue tongue in U. S. sheep.

D. A. (Andy) Adam, of the Texas A. & M. Extension Service, left January 27 for Washington, D. C., for orientation and briefing in preparation for a year's assignment in Turkey. During the past six years Adam has handled the foreign visitor program and it was at the request of Turkish officials that he be sent to Turkey to fill a vacancy on the ICA staff.

Dick Rogers, Zeb Decle and Ted Gray have leased the 23,000-acre ranch of W. G. Henderson north of Alpine.

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BOTH SHEEPMEN and cattlemen of the Southwest who have seen the new portable loading chute have agreed that it is a really worth-while innovation in ranching conveniences. The owner of the first one to be built who is now enjoying its use on his ranch recently declared: "That is just what I wanted."

The chute pictured here can be trailed behind a car or truck from one pasture to the other to load or unload livestock. It is especially convenient for taking a truck load of sheep or cattle from one pasture to another, saving time of driving, chousing and the chance of mixing livestock and more hours of labor.

In these days when labor is hard to get or non-existent one man can load and unload a truck with this portable chute. Even the livestock truckers have viewed this new chute with interest and many predict it will be most popular with them. In addition to being a portable chute it can be used as a regular trailer carrying livestock if desired. It can also carry sufficient number of panels and posts out of which a crowd pen can be made.

The portable loading chute is one of the new offerings of the Gray Trailer Company, 105 Allen Street in San Angelo. The company is also featuring a new three-horse-abreast trailer which has three separate tail gates and is one of the most unusual livestock trailers ever built.



Trailer Loading Chute

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THE BEST all-purpose insect repellent ever developed will be put on the American market this spring. A product of USDA research, the new repellent successfully defends against attacks by mosquitoes, chiggers, ticks, fleas, and biting flies.

It provides long-lasting protection for outdoor laborers and sportsmen. Its pleasant lotion feel recommends it to picnickers and backyard gardeners. It can be safely applied to the skin or to any animal fiber.

The repellent is an organic chemical, diethyl toluamide. It is not new, but its promise as a repellent was unknown until it was synthesized by ARS chemists at the Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, Mr., and tested by entomologists at the Orlando, Fla., laboratory in 1952.

These scientists are particularly pleased with the chemical's resistance to rubbing. Some of a repellent applied to the skin may be absorbed, but much of it is simply worn away by normal activities of the wearer. "Wipe tests" developed to simulate

this wearing-off showed diethyl toluamide to be at least twice as long-lasting as the next best repellent. Under normal circumstances, one treatment with this new repellent should give protection for several hours, depending on the strength of the repellent chemical in the composition.

Tests against different species of mosquitoes show diethyl toluamide to be as good or better than any other repellent in each case. More important, it is better against all mosquito species than any other single chemical or combination of chemicals.

Diethyl toluamide is superior to other repellents against the yellow fever, salt marsh, and irrigation water and snow water mosquitoes. It is as good as the best of the others for subarctic and malaria species.

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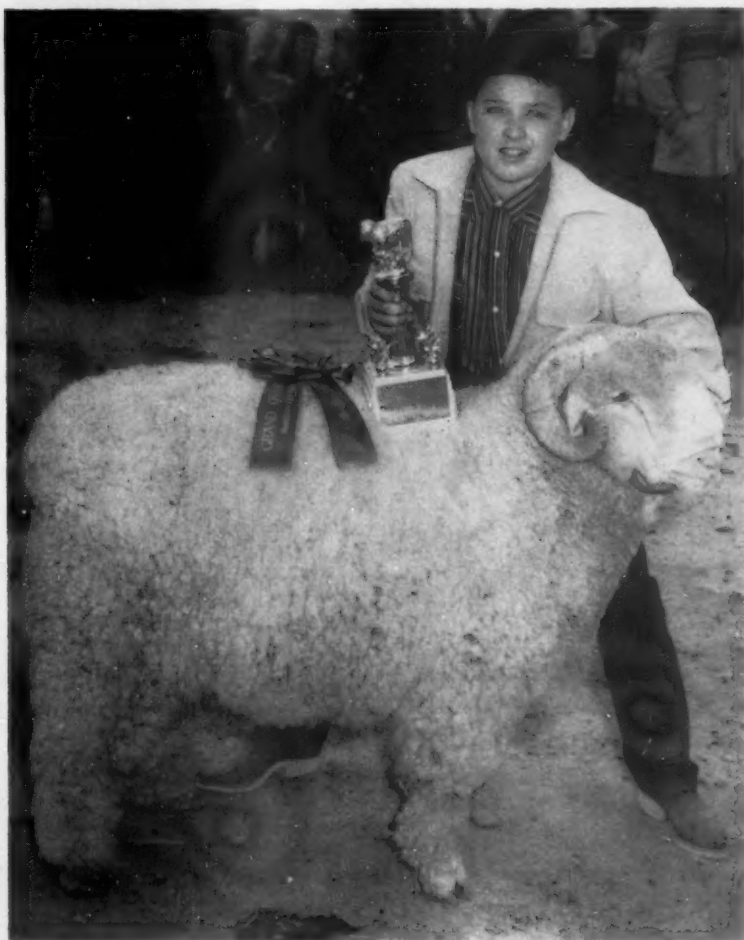
A NEW feeding idea is the protein concentrate in block form and the Moorman Manufacturing Company has introduced such a livestock feed suitable for self-feeding of sheep, cattle and other livestock, especially when they are on hay, silage, stalk fields, pasture or other high-roughage rations. It is reported that sheep usually eat 1/12 to 1/4 pound daily,

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The Moorman Manufacturing Company reports that it has worked for more than four years perfecting and have tested the product in 18 states. The name of the protein block is Mintrate and it has been on the market since last fall.

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SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

Mills County Stock Show Report

By MRS. G. A. GLIMP

THE PROLONGED drouth has played an important role in the lives of the farmer and rancher. So much of their future plans hinges on the fact that without the much needed moisture, much of their progress is thwarted before it ever begins. A rancher's dream often fails to materialize just because he cannot continue to tread on without help from the Master in the form of rain in abundant quantity. With these facts prevalent throughout our state, it was indeed a very great pleasure to again attend the Mills County Show held each year in Goldthwaite and see the remarkable and wonderful results of hard work, careful planning, and the ever present cooperation that has made this one of the outstanding shows in the state with quality livestock in every class that causes much concern in every major livestock show in the state. Everyone wonders if Mills County will win again?

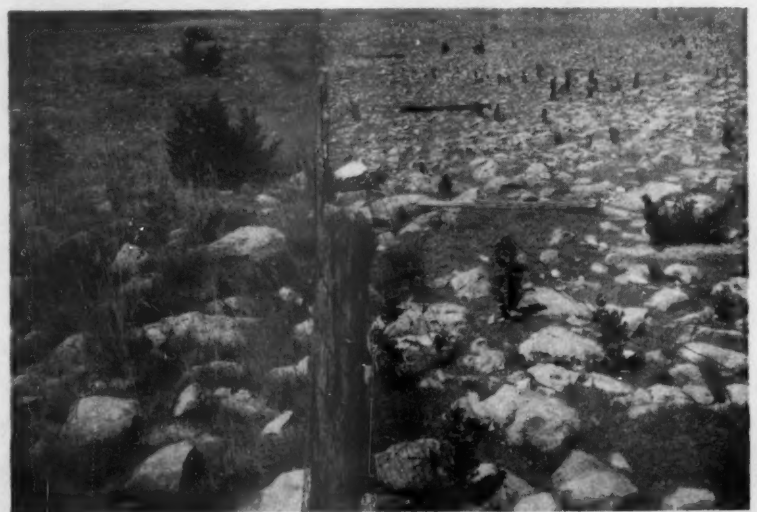
There were 61 goats, 155 sheep, 16 hogs, and 33 cattle on exhibition this year, and the quality of all these animals was exceptionally good.

Authur Davis of Sabinal judged the goats and was very pleased over the increase in quantity and the very good quality of the animals. In the B-Type

classes. Steve Smith, Floyd Daniels, Glynn Nichols, Lora Nichols, Dick Stanley, W. A. Elms, and Alan Oxford of Goldthwaite and Peggy Pafford of Mullin were the exhibitors. The champion B-Buck was shown by Glynn Nichols, who also showed the champion B-Doe. The C-Type Buck was shown by Harry Smith of Goldthwaite and the C-Type Doe by Glynn Nichols.

The club show had eight billie kids and 12 does entered. Harry Smith had first place billie kid and Wayne Ratliff of Priddy F.F.A. the first place doe kid.

Bill Oliver, Kerrville F.F.A. instructor, served as judge of the fat lamb show and stated the quality of animals in the classes he judged was so good that he could have gone several ways and still had choice lambs as the top animals. This caused much deliberation on his part before making a decision in any of the three classes. The final results were Fine Wool lambs (11 in the class), Peggy Pafford had the top lamb which had been shown in Odessa to a second place and was one of the best fine wool fat lambs we have seen. The Southdown Class had 22 entries and Eugene Duran was the first place winner. The

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This Edwards Plateau ranch on the left of the fence is protected by a good cover of grass. Rains are caught and absorbed, and grow grass, instead of being lost by runoff. The first essential of successful ranching is to have grass, and you can't have grass and graze it all off. Grazing must be controlled so as to leave a cover of grass on the range to protect the soil, absorb rains, and grow more grass.

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first 10 entries in this class were good enough to be in any show ring. The Crossbred Class had 15 entries and Annette Duncan, Mullin, had the first place lamb. The champion lamb was the Southdown entry of Eugene Duren. The reserve went to Peggy Pafford's fine wool.

Much can be said about the Breeding Sheep Show the boys and girls of the county have supported so diligently. The results are very gratifying when there are so many entries of choice animals for the judge, Guy Powell, to choose the best from. This was the case of the Delaine Show. The ewe lamb class had 25 entries, and they were good. The first place ewe was shown by Annette Duncan, a David Watters' ewe, and the second and third place winners were those of John Pat Rudd of Goldthwaite, with ewe lambs purchased from Joe LeMay. These three ewe lambs were very good, and caused much deliberation from the judge.

Young Tom Cody Graves of Goldthwaite made his first entry in the show this year and was an unusually lucky young man. Most boys and girls have to make several attempts to achieve a first place, but Tom Cody had the first and fourth place Delaine ram lambs. There were 12 entries in the class. Tom Cody also had the champion Delaine of the boys and girls show. Joe Bill Welch had some choice Rambouillets in the Junior Breeding Show.

As has been the custom for several years, Hollis Blackwell Warehouse presented the fine wool boys and girls breeding entries with \$100. Y. B. Johnson, former F.F.A. instructor, made the presentation, and every entry was given some of the money and complimented on his or her efforts toward building a better future breeding program.

The first and second place Delaine ewe lamb winners also won a ewe lamb each. These lambs were donated by David Watters and Joe LeMay.

An unusual and wonderful gesture was also shown by Rev. McKay, pastor of the Star Methodist Church. He is seventy-five years old, but one of the most active, alert people for his years. No one was more interested in the boys and girls of the county than he. He felt the first place ewe lamb deserved a little more recognition by way of prize money, so he donated an additional sum. This was not done for any desired recognition, but those who know him so well say it is typical of the many, many gestures he so willingly does to help the youth he is so keenly interested in.

The open breeders show was most successful with the following champions of the different breeds.

In the Suffolk ewe and ram, Glynn Sanders and Son had the champions.

Theron Bean had the champion Shropshire ewe and ram.

O. E. Sides had the champion Southdown ewe and ram.

Annette Duncan had the champion Delaine ewe and Prentiss Head had the champion ram.

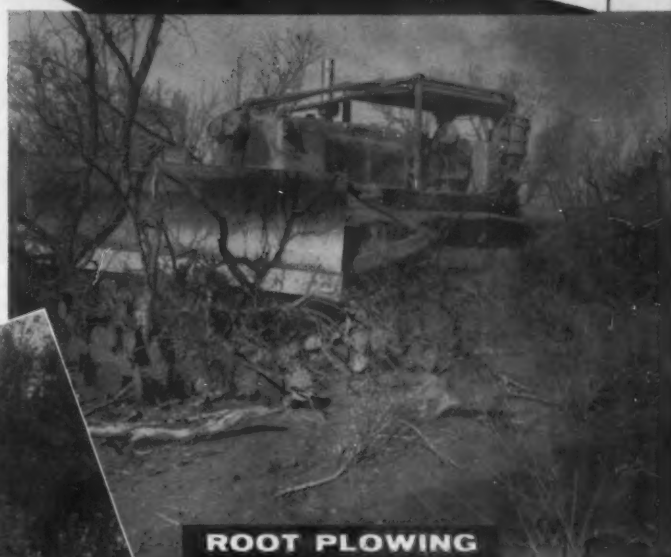
The champion Rambouillet ewe was shown by Joe Bill Welch and Glynn Nichols the champion ram.

The untiring efforts of Bob Steen and his many co-workers are in evidence everywhere at this county show, and they are to be congratulated on the success it accords.

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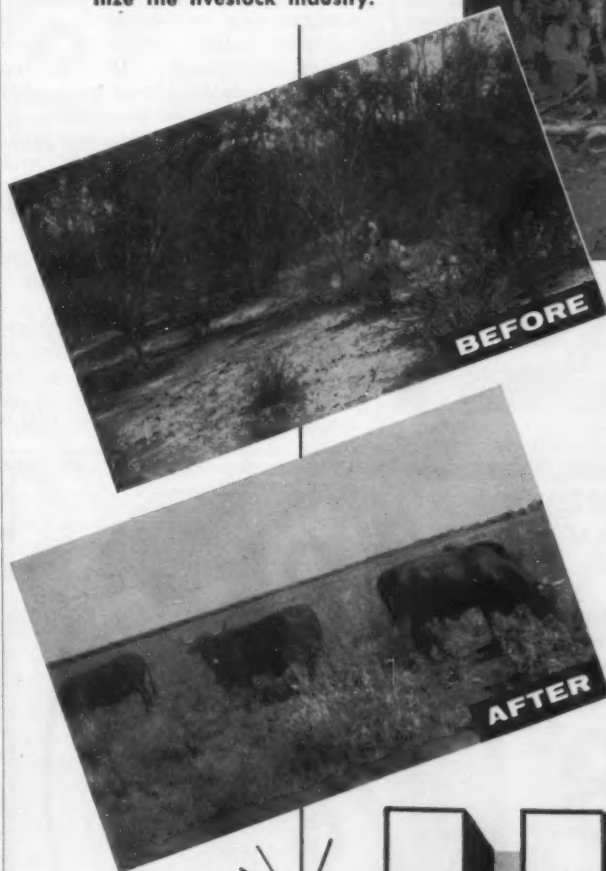
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Sheep and Lamb Markets Strengthen

SMALLER marketings of sheep and lambs generally found steady to higher prices in Texas during February, reports the Agricultural Marketing Service.

Another strengthening influence on live prices, in addition to smaller supplies was a steady \$1 and \$2 per cwt. higher dressed lamb trade at major wholesale centers. Also, some of the best rains in many months over parts of Texas during February played an important part in the price upturn, particularly on feeder lambs.

Sheep and lamb receipts at San Antonio and Ft. Worth from Feb. 1 to 20 were estimated by AMS at about 30,000 head. The run was around 33% smaller than the same 20-day period in January and 10% less than a year earlier.

Practically the entire supply was comprised of lambs, with most of these shorn slaughter offerings. A few feeder lambs were on sale at nearly every trading session, but aged slaughter ewes were relatively scarce.

Feeder buyers were quite active during the first few days of each week, so slaughter buyers were often forced to compete for the smaller supply in order to keep their plants busy. As a result, killers took most two-way offerings.

Prices of feeder lambs showed the most upturn as the rains improved prospects for grass and small grain pastures and broadened demand. Prices went up \$1.25 to \$2 per cwt. from January's close at San Antonio and 50c to \$2 at Ft. Worth. Most of the advance, however, was on the lower end of the price range, or on the lower grades. Good and choice

mixed fat and feeder lambs cleared San Antonio around Feb. 20 at \$18 to \$18.50. Ft. Worth quoted feeders at \$17 to \$18.

Woolled slaughter lambs looked 25c to \$1 higher for the month at San Antonio, but shorn lambs were unevenly 50c lower on the high grades to as much as \$1 higher on the low grades. Good and choice woolled lambs ruled steady to 75c lower and shorn kinds held steady at Ft. Worth, but lower grade clipped lambs advanced 50c to \$1.

Good and choice woolled lambs went to slaughter at \$18 to \$18.50 per cwt. at both Ft. Worth and San Antonio. Shorn kinds of the same grade drew a similar price at Ft. Worth, while those with No. 1 and 2 pelts took \$17.50 and sorts with No. 3 pelts made \$16.75 at San Antonio. Utility and good fresh shorn to No. 3 pelt lambs earned \$16 to \$16.50 at San Antonio, while cull and utility shorn lambs moved at \$12 to \$17 at Ft. Worth.

Slaughter ewes looked about \$1 higher at Ft. Worth but held steady in poorly tested trading at San Antonio during February. Cull to good shorn slaughter ewes traded at \$6 to

LIVESTOCK INCOME HIGH DESPITE DROUTH

THE LIVESTOCK situation in 1956 continued strained because of the drouth. Range and pasture conditions in many parts of the state reached a record low in late summer and forced heavy marketing of cattle, calves, and sheep. Hardest hit region was the Edwards Plateau, where grass was exhausted, credit and feed supplies severely strained, and ranchers were selling from their foundation stock. At year's end, range feed was scant throughout the state, heavy feeding still widespread. Of the state's 254 counties, 222 were classified as "drouth disaster zones" for federal livestock aid. In the areas which received moisture in the fall, pastures were already closely grazed by the start of the new year.

However, income from livestock continued high. Total income from livestock and its related products rose 5% in 1956 from 1955 (from \$755 million to \$794 million), as Texas farmers and ranchers got more money from all commodities except eggs (down 16%, from \$66 million to \$56 million).

Cattle income was 2% higher, increasing from \$311 million in 1955 to \$317 million in 1956. Calves registered +2% (from \$95 million to \$97 million); hogs, +10% (from \$58 million to \$64 million); sheep and lambs, +33% (from \$23 million to \$30 million); wool, +7% (from \$17 million to \$18 million); mohair, +9% (from \$13 million to \$14 million); poultry, +11% (from \$62 million to \$69 million); and milk and milk products, +16% (from \$109 million to \$127 million).

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\$8 in Ft. Worth and \$5 to \$7.50 per cwt. in San Antonio.

Goat marketings at San Antonio during Feb. 1-20 were figured at about 3,400 head. The supply was little different from a month earlier but ran 18% smaller than a year ago. Slaughter classes comprised the bulk of receipts as stockers were practically absent.

Prices stood steady to 50c under January's close on mature slaughter goats and steady on kids. Mixed Span-

ish and shorn Angora goats bulked at \$4 to \$5.50 per cwt. about the 20th of the month, while kids took \$3 to \$4 per head.

After partly recovering from the lowest points in 18 months, hog prices again turned downward in Texas during the month. By February 20, butchers were \$1.50 to \$2 below the end of January at Ft. Worth and \$1.75 to \$2.25 lower at San Antonio. Sows lost \$1.50 to \$2 at San Antonio and 50c to \$1 at Ft. Worth. Heavy

marketings and lower dressed pork prices at wholesale centers were largely responsible for the downward turn in hog markets.

Texas cattle prices, meanwhile, were unevenly steady to as much as \$2 per cwt. higher, with an occasional sale up more. Stocker and feeder classes showed the most upturn, as rains and improved feed prospects broadened demand. Rising prices of slaughter cattle came in the face of continued liberal marketings, but reflected the steady to higher rates on fresh beef and veal at wholesale markets.

The Ray Gilbert ranch of 540 acres and the Santa Maria Dude Ranch of 157 acres in Bandera County sold to Gene Dunlap.

The Montie Claytor Ranch in Bandera County, consisting of 2,100 acres, recently sold to R. M. Kendrick, San Antonio, for \$100,000.

Oscar Duderstadt, Junction, has leased the Tom Jones Estate Ranch of 3,000 acres, 15 miles east of Junction.

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Loose Pen Kidding

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having sucked. Often a deflated look in the region of the paunch is a good sign. Should a doe be suspected of having kidded but her udder is tight and shows that she hasn't been sucked out she should then be watched on the range to see if she will return to her kid. If the kid is dead when found the doe should be marked and kept giving milk by suckling other kids on her. She may then be used as a foster mother for other kids which have been orphaned. It is often a good idea to separate twins and make such a doe own one of them.

By carefully observing his does the goatman can often determine each day those does which are ready to kid. By checking the genital organ to see if a clear mucous fluid is coming out in a long string-like manner is often a good sign although it does not always hold true. Distended udders with a very bright, pink color is another way.

Some goatmen prefer to use two pastures in kidding. He starts out by having all of his does in one pasture and as the kids begin to drop, turns those does that have kidded into the second pasture. In this manner he can determine more easily the number of does yet to kid.

Many problems are encountered with the kids in the pens. Constant checking should be done to see that none have been orphaned. When one has been deserted he should be put in a small pen with a doe which has lost her kid and kept there until she owns him. Each doe and kid should be placed by themselves in these pens. The doe may be tied each night with a loose rope passed around her neck and around a fence post. In this way the kid can suck without her being able to hook him away with her horns. Each night the doe should be held and the kid allowed to nurse. After about three days she will begin to show signs of owning him. It sometimes takes a week or more to get her to claim a kid not her own. The doe should be given feed and water in the pen to keep her milk flow up because it is a tendency of does that have lost their kids to want to dry up.

Sometimes a very young doe or an old doe will not give enough milk at first for her kid to thrive on. The kid should either be suckled on a doe with an excess of milk or be given 12 ounces of whole cow's milk from

a bottle and nipple twice daily for the first few days.

Extra large teats of does are a constant source of worry to goatmen. These does should be carefully watched as to time of kidding since their kids will often be lost due to the fact the teat is too large for him to nurse. Most of these does will usually have one large teat and one small one. In this case the small teat will be sucked and the large one will be irritated from an excess of milk in it. This teat needs to be drained. Care must be taken not to bruise it. A good way to drain one of them is to cut off the quill of a chicken feather and insert the tip into the teat. With slight pressure the milk will flow out. One of the best ways to eliminate this trouble is to send to market these does with large teats. Looking at a small can of goat milk in a drug store with a price tag of 45 cents on it one goatman remarked that he had milked a million dollars worth of the stuff on the ground in his lifetime.

When does are giving plenty of milk there is a tendency for kids to "clog up" under the tail with fecal matter. Until a kid is two weeks or more of age his feces are soft and gummy. After that it comes out as small pills about the size of a very small pea. During the first week after birth many of them will have fecal matter accumulate under the tail where it is attached to the long hairs. This accumulation will often stop bowel movement and needs correcting. By first taking a blunt stick, most of this matter can be pushed away. A pair of sharp sheep shears should then be used to clip away these hairs.

Problems in giving birth are not too great in Angora does as in other breeds of livestock where the fetus grows too large in the womb for normal birth. Feeding high protein feeds has in recent years caused some trouble. Some yearling does may have trouble giving birth to their first kid, but it seems to occur with about the same frequency in older does. When it does occur the rancher must give the doe assistance.

Constant attention is given the does and kids in the pens with remedies made for their ailments. In the case of commercial flocks all castration and marking of ears is done before the kids are allowed to run on the range. After the kids are about one month of age they are turned with their mothers on the range. Some men prefer to put a low obstruction about 18 inches high in the opening of the gate which the doe may easily hurdle. As the kids get strong enough they will begin jumping over this low gate and run with the doe on the range. This is a good method to determine when they are ready to turn out.

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WEST TEXAS lambs and sheep, as usual, laid valid claim to most of the wool honors in the 28th annual Southwestern Livestock Show in El Paso, Texas, February 4-10.

In the Junior Fat Lamb Division, again as usual, the Upton County 4-H Club showed to the majority of championship titles. Carolyn Branch, 14-year student at Rankin High School, exhibited the Grand Champion lamb of the more than 700 entered in the competition. The pert West Texas miss moved up a step from last year since she owned the Reserve Champion in 1956.

The champion lamb was a 95-pound Southdown Cross with E. G. Branch, Carolyn's father, of Rankin, as breeder. It had previously won first place in Class 712, single mutton (heavy weight) purebred or grade, Suffolk, Hampshire, Southdown or Shropshire or any cross of these breeds.

Upton County also carted off the champion fine wool title. Virginia Haral, whose three sisters have shown champion lambs in preceding years, won with a 99-pound Delaine-Merino sheep, bred by Walton Haral of Rankin.

The reserve champion lamb, selected by Judge J. L. Vestal, was owned and exhibited by Bobby Rawlings of the Marfa, Texas, FFA Chapter. The 90-pound single mutton

lamb was bred by Delbert Winchester of Enid, Okla.

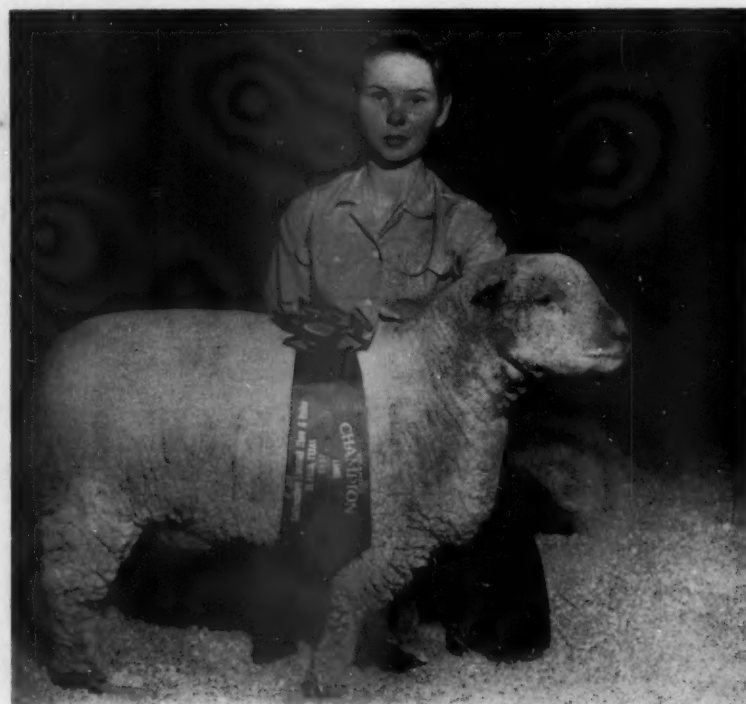
Ann Espy of the Brewster-Jeff Davis County 4-H Club showed both the champion ram and ewe in the Junior Breeding Sheep, Gary Real of the Kerr County 4-H exhibited the champion Southdown ram, and George Eads of the Hudspeth County 4-H owned the champion Southdown ewe.

Miles Pierce of Alpine, Texas, a steady winner at the El Paso show, swept the champion Rambouillet honors in the Open Class Breeding Division; Duron Howard of Byers, Oklahoma, showed the champion Southdown ram and ewe; Jimmie Stoddard of Clovis, New Mexico, owned the champion Corriedale ram and ewe; and Menard, Texas, was supreme in the Delaine-Merino Class with Donald Bradford showing the champion ram and R. R. Walston the champion ewe.

It was the most successful show in the history of the annual event, according to R. E. (Bob) Post, show manager.

The first annual International Range Bull Sale was highly satisfactory to consignors and buyers alike with 250 bulls being sold at an average price of \$305.

Joe Meador of the Lubbock County 4-H Club exhibited the grand cham-



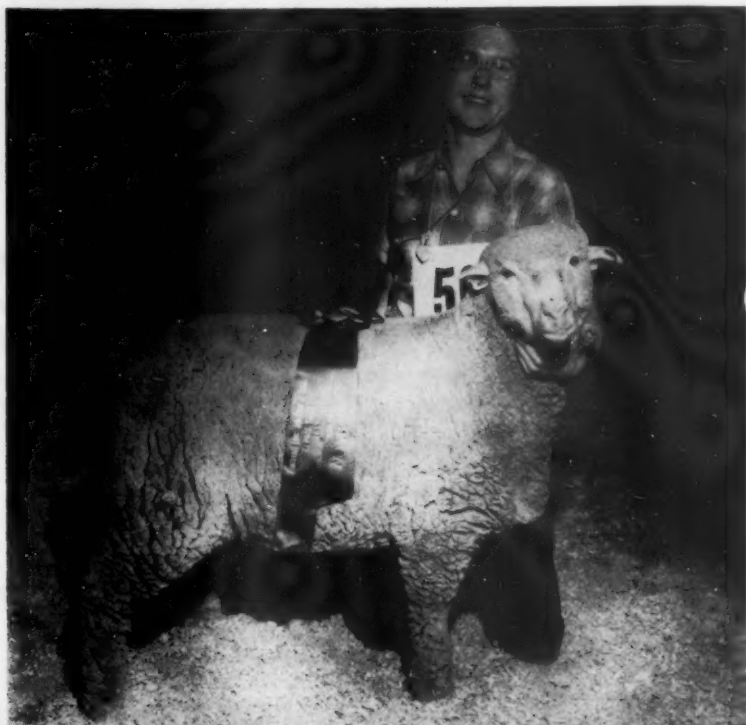
Carolyn Branch, member of the Upton County 4-H Club, stepped up a notch this year in the Fat Lamb division of the Junior Southwestern Livestock Show in El Paso, winning the Grand Championship with her Southdown cross lamb. The Rankin High School student exhibited the Reserve Champion last year.

pion fat calf and Bobby Sale of the Martin County 4-H the reserve champion.

The Lelia Lake FFA Chapter walked away with most of the top honors in the Swine Division, win-

ning the champion and reserve champion titles.

A record total of 1741 animals were registered for the show and show officials are predicting already that a new record will be set in 1958.



Virginia Herral of the Upton County 4-H Club and her Champion Fine Wool Lamb of the Southwestern Livestock Show, Junior Division, in El Paso.

Donald Bradford of Menard, Texas, and his Champion Delaine-Merino ram in the Southwestern Livestock Show's Open Class Breeding Division.

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Ed's Note: Mr. Wentworth was formerly with Armour's Livestock Bureau.

Marion Snell, Lampasas; Tom Head, Allan Striegler and John Striegler, Lometa, had champion lambs in the Lampasas County show, January 22.

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EXPERTS predict that if the present trend continues about 119,954 farmers and ranchmen will move into the cities and towns for more stable work. That's about one in forty of the remaining citizens of this country raising food and fiber for the nation. In spite of the higher prices—life isn't a bed of roses for the toilers of the soil.

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DEMAND FOR BREEDING STOCK INCREASES IN CENTRAL TEXAS

By VIC E. KOLEBER
Editor, Goldthwaite Eagle

SLOW SOAKING rains during the months of January and February, with the resulting prospects for grain and pasture grazing in the months ahead in Central and West Texas, have shown their mark in the increased demand for ewes and lambs as manifested at the Mills County Commission Company sales the past few weeks. Prices have shown a marked increase as farmers and ranchers from the entire area are viewing the year ahead with smiles on their faces.

While it is to be understood the drouth is not broken, far from it, there is a note of encouragement with prospects of making a grain crop this spring.

It will require a lot of rain before the drouth, which has gripped the entire area for about seven years, can be termed as broken. It will take more than one season with above normal rainfall before the Central Texas hills

begin seeping again, as they have through the years, and the creeks of West Texas to start running again.

But, from present indications, it appears that the Mills County Commission Company, which is the largest sheep and goat sale in the world, is getting ready for another big year which may well be one to top last year's record when they sold 461,877 head of sheep and goats.

The year 1956 set a record for the company in number of head sold in any one year. It is a large increase over the number sold just four years ago, 1953, when they sold 270,209 head.

The sheep and goat sales have increased consistently over the four-year period from 1954 through 1956, with the 1956 total reaching nearly a half million head.

In 1954 the firm sold 374,756 and in 1955, 431,375 head.

Breakdown in the number of sheep and goats sold over the past four years runs as follows:

Sheep — 1953, 171,59; 1954,

234,247; 1955, 279,776; 1956, 304,782.

Goats — 1953, 98,950; 1954, 140,518; 1955, 151,599; 1956, 157,095.

The dollar volume brought from these sales in 1956 dropped slightly

from the year 1955 which reflected a large increase over 1953 and 1954.

Dollar volume from the sales over the four-year period is as follows: 1953, \$1,206,259.64; 1954, \$2,848,347.55; 1955, \$3,423,552.60, and 1956, \$3,256,415.

AIR FORCE TRIES CLOUD SEEDING

"UNITED STATES Air Force cloud seeding operations conducted in the past have not conclusively proven that cloud seeding produces precipitation," recently declared Joe W. Kelly, Major General, USAF, Director, Legislative Liaison. "The President's Advisory Committee on Weather Control has reported that up to the present time, the immediate West Coast of the United States appears to be the only area where some limited relationship between cloud seeding and increased precipitation may possibly exist."

"The Advisory Committee will have

to conduct extensive research before there can be any hope for successful seeding operations in the drouth areas. In fact the continuing drouth, despite extensive seeding operations throughout the Southwest, seems to confirm that with present 'know-how,' conditions do not prevail in Texas for successful seeding operations.

"In view of these circumstances, there is little justification for the Air Force to engage in seeding activities in connection with the present drouth condition. Congressional support of the President's Advisory Committee research program holds the best hope of ultimately determining the potential of seeding operations," he declared.

TEXANS REGISTER AT NATIONAL WOOL GROWERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

Nearly 100 Texas sheepmen and their wives attended the 92nd annual convention of the National Wool Growers Association in Las Vegas, Nevada, from January 21 to 24. Here are shown Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Whitehead, Del Rio, left, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Canon, San Angelo. Texas had the most representatives of any state at the national gathering.



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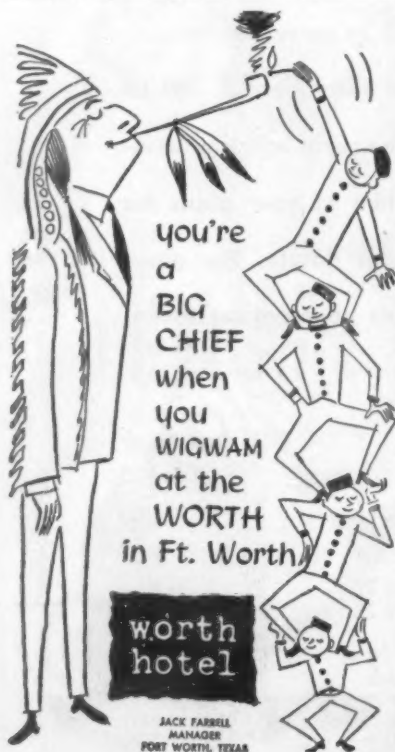


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Texas Delaine News

By MRS. G. A. GLIMP

THE QUALITY of Delaines on exhibit at the Fort Worth and San Antonio Stock Shows was indeed a credit to the Association, and definitely the quantity was the largest in many years. Comments among the interested bystanders were certainly encouraging and to the effect that the Delaines had made marked progress in the past ten years. This has taken much time, careful selection in breeding, and determination on the part of the breeder to retain as much size as possible without losing the quality of fleece while striving to attain these desired qualities. The odds have been many the past few years, but perhaps the dividends will be great enough to help offset these.

Jimmy Davidson, shepherd from the University of Wyoming, did a tremendous job of judging at Fort Worth, and in several classes this required much deliberation. Especially in classes where they had 18 to 23 entries and could place but ten.

San Antonio had the largest entries in both Junior and Open Show since the show began. Either show was a credit to the Delaines, but to combine them was certainly something to see. As one breeder commented, it is something to see that many top quality Delaines at a show after the struggle through the dry years we've had. Jack Goff of Kerrville had the task of picking the best Delaines in both shows, and it certainly was not an easy one. In many cases, either of the top three could have been first and the judge still be right. It is very hard to judge a show such as this, and Mr. Groff did a very good job. He certainly deliberated over the matter before making a decision.

Chester Itz has sold his Delaines to James Gallant, Vocational Agricultural Instructor of Medina. Mr. Gallant has two young daughters who are planning to make the shows with these fine sheep, and we are quite sure the Itz sheep will still retain

their ability to win shows. Mr. Itz closed his dealings in Delaines by retaining the honor of again having both champion ewe and ram of the open show. This same honor was won by Ola Mae last year in the junior show. It is with deep regret that we see the Itz sheep leave the family, but we wish for the new owners much success.

Many club boys and girls are making inquiries for ewe lambs and ram lambs for their projects another year. Please write me what you have and price, so I can pass on this information.

The recent rains have been very good in most parts of the state and sheep grazing is picking up considerably. This is causing a marked interest in getting back in the sheep business again. Sheep have fared good in most places and are really looking good where rains fell early enough to provide grazing of grain fields.

Jay Danz of Johnson City is our newest member, and we are very happy to have him on our membership roster. Mr. Danz recently purchased the ewes and lambs from J. C. Hill of Johnson City.

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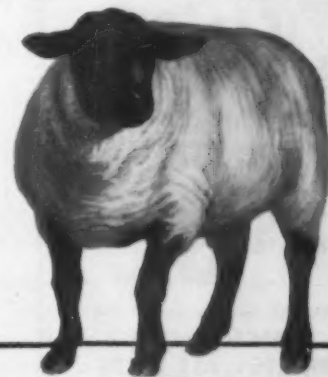
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San Antonio Show

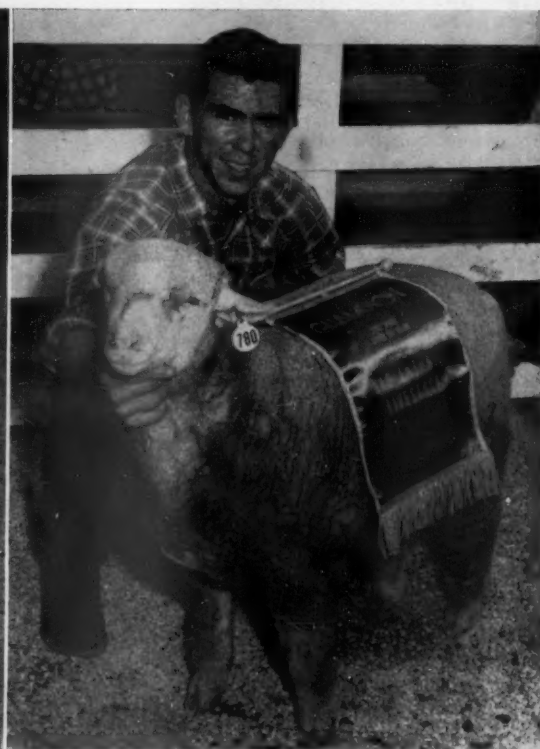
IN ALL likelihood the San Antonio show of 1957, insofar as sheep, goats, wool and mohair is concerned, was the best in history. In fact, this was the initial year for the fleece show and it was acceptable both in quality and in number of entries. Humid weather marked the first days of the event and rainy weather lightened the hearts of exhibitors and participants alike in the latter days.

Placings in the show are not given in entirety, due to lack of space.



CHAMPION CROSSBRED LAMB

Gary Real, son of the Aime Reals of Kerrville, showed the fine wool crossbred fat lamb champion.



CHAMPION FINE WOOL LAMB

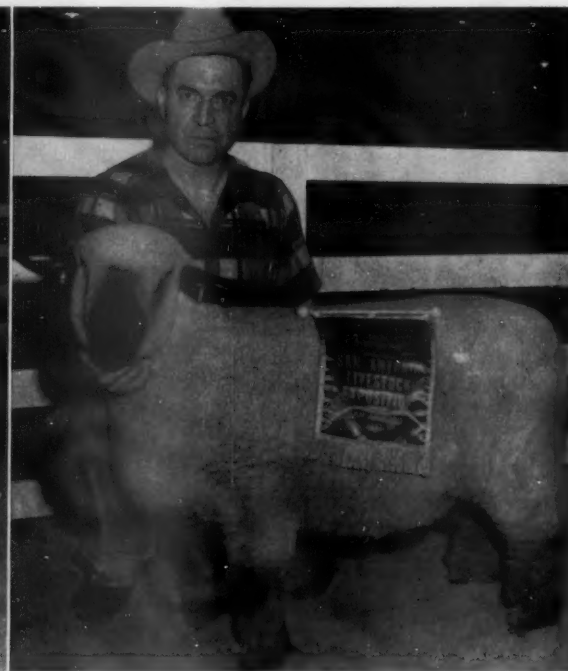
Darrell Smith, Crane, Texas, showed the fine wool champion lamb of the show.

Ted Luce, Del Rio, and James Covill had champions in other classes, crossbred and medium wool.



CHAMPION HAMPSHIRE

The champion Hampshire ram was exhibited by Mrs. Ammie E. Wilson of Plano, Texas, with herdsman Rader holding.



The champion Hampshire ewe was exhibited by Armentrout & Donley of Plano, Texas, and Norborne, Missouri.



SAN ANTONIO CHAMPION FLEECE

The rack of champion fleeces at the San Antonio wool and mohair show was exceptional. Herbie Oehler, Harper, Texas, is shown behind his champion mohair fleece.



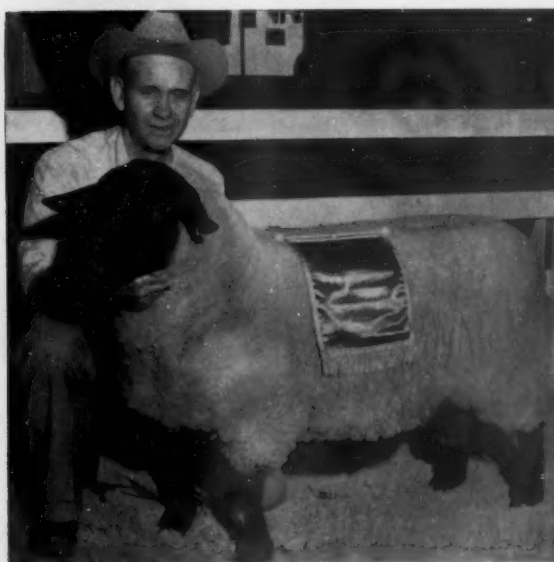
CHAMPION DELAINE EWE — Junior

Harvie and Carroll Lindeman, who show as Lindeman Brothers of Blanco, topped the Junior Delaine show with this fine ewe.



CHAMPION DELAINE RAM

Chester Itz, Harper, Texas, had the open class champion ram, Delaine show. He also had the champion Delaine ewe.



CHAMPION SUFFOLK RAM

T. R. Hinton, Keller, Texas, showed the champion Suffolk ram at San Antonio, the reserve champion of the Fort Worth show.

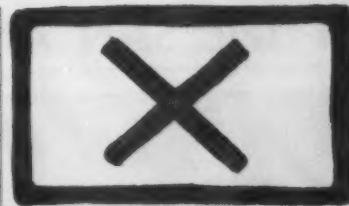
Harrison Davis of Dorchester showed the champion ewe.



CHAMPION COLUMBIAS SHOWN BY NORDAN

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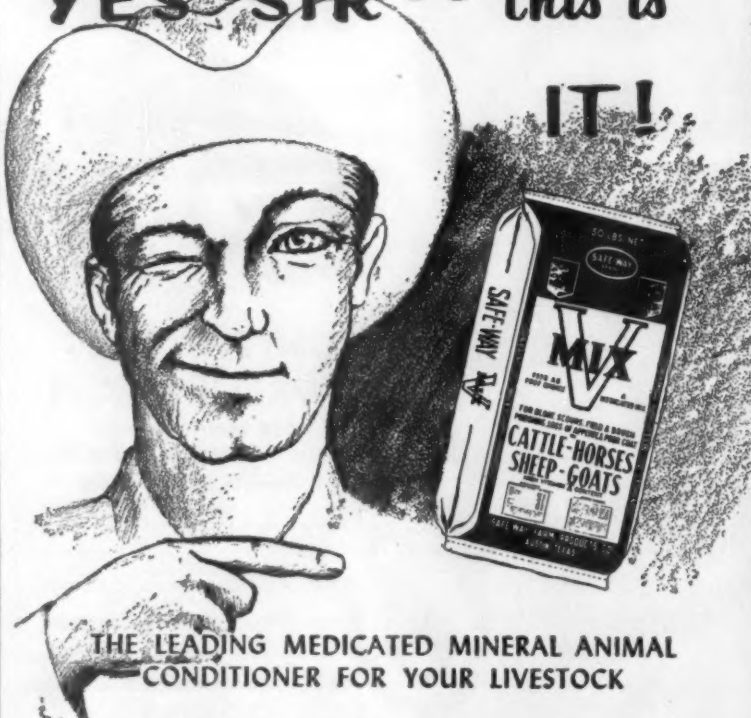
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CHAMPION RAMBOUILLET EWE

On the left is Jas. C. Mann, with his champion Rambouillet ewe, and Kinney Mann, his brother, with his reserve champion ewe. These Big Lake youngsters, comparatively new in the sheep Shows, hit the jackpot with Pierce breeding.



RANGE MOHAIR

The champion fleece of range mohair was shown by Tommy Carpenter of Medina, Texas.



CHAMPION FLEECE OF WOOL

Anna Rose Glasscock, daughter of the Ed Glasscocks, showed grand champion fleece of wool for Jan VanderStucken of Sonora. Anna Rose's fleece was champion of the range division.



CHAMPION CHEVIOTS

John E. Sprinkle of Monticello, Illinois, showed the champion Cheviot ram; while the champion ewe was shown by Alvin L. Helms of Belleville, Illinois, who is holding the champion ram.

T. R. Hinton of Keller, Texas, reports the sale of a Suffolk ram lamb to C. W. Hunter of Blanco, Texas. The lamb took third place in the San Antonio show and Hinton says it is a nice ram, standing well on its feet and weighing 212 pounds. It should make a good stud ram for Hunter's Registered Suffolk flock.

Goat losses have been quite heavy in Sutton County as a result of the mid-February slow, chilly rains. Losses have been to 600 head in one flock reported and it is estimated that 3,000 and more goats died in Sutton County alone from chilling down. While owners are giving every attention to these animals, losses still occur. The protective back ridge of mohair left when shearing was of definite benefit to goats during the drizzly weather.



By MRS. RUSSELL G. HARLOW

NEW MEMBERS of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association include B. J. York, Snyder, Texas; Don S. York, Snyder, Texas; E. J.

Hannon, Mt. Orab, Ohio; Jess Barton, Sonora, Texas; Beall Orr, Nolan, Texas; Wesley Don Moore, Nolan, Texas; M. C. Vickers, Arlington, Texas; Lee A. Joy, Roosevelt, Texas; and W. H. (Bill) Strickland, Brady, Texas. Mr. Strickland is the father of Association member W. A. (Butch) Strickland.

A. H. Floyd, Brady, Texas, has sold twenty-eight registered ewes to Harold Burk, Rochelle, Texas.

John W. Ruegner, Katemcy, Texas, has sold three stud rams to Harry Hanson, Brady, Texas, and thirty-seven ewes and a stud ram to Mrs. T. C. McClure, New Braunfels, Texas.

H. D. (Donnie) Bode, London, Texas, has sold four ewe lambs and a ram lamb to Marilyn Gallant, Medina, Texas.

For the sixth consecutive year, the Hoosier Gold Medal Lamb Club Trophy has been awarded to a Rambouillet ram. The Hoosier Gold Medal Lamb Club is part of an educational livestock improvement program for all classes of livestock in Indiana. Rams are rated by the performance of their lambs in approved County and District Shows and the State Fair. Points are awarded on the placings in these shows according to the number of entries, or competition. Points on pens of three double individuals, and points in the State Fair double County and District Shows. Points can be counted only on two County or two District Shows; or one County and one District Show, together with the State Fair. Lambs must weigh 70 pounds at four months of age to show. Weighings are witnessed and certified by two disinterested parties, or County Agents and Vocational Agriculture teachers. Oren A. Wright, Greenwood, Indiana, was the 1956 winner in this competition, in which 95 cooperators from 34 counties nominated 1,282 lambs, of which 738 made their qualifying weights.

Mrs. Ilo V. Irwin, Buena Vista, Colorado, has sold three registered ewes to Alice Moore of Rotan, New Mexico.

Grabbert Brothers, Emblem, Wyoming, have sold four registered ewes to William Austin, Ten Sleep, Wyoming.

Association member Viggo Miller, Cedar Valley, Texas, has taken a position of Chief Design Engineer with Utah Australia, Ltd., in Melbourne, Australia. His family will join him in June. Mrs. Miller writes that her husband has already received several invitations to visit sheep and cattle stations out in the bush country.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Landen, Wheatland, Wyoming, have sold two registered ewes to James B. Harris & Sons, also of Wheatland.

Miles Pierce reports that he's glad for the Mexico sales to help out during the drouth. In January, he sold one man from Mexico 100 range rams, and another sheepman bought two stud rams at \$250.00 each. Pierce also sold a stud ram to Ralph Miller, Fluvanna, Texas, and Ira Bobo of Seminole, Texas.

Lloyd N. Davis, Brigham City, Utah, has sent a picture of one of the stud rams he is using. Mr. Davis writes, "My son Tom showed this ram to the junior grand championship at the Utah State Fair as a yearling, and showed him as a two-year-old last fall, and he was beaten by one of his sons that Tom also showed, which is the mark of a good sire. At the time this

picture was taken, he weighed 250 pounds, and was sheared right after that. He sheared 45 pounds of wool, and had an 18-months fleece."

R. H. (Bobby) Peebles of Nogal, New Mexico, has transferred a ewe lamb to Wayne Dunlap, also of Nogal.

Jess Barton, new member from Sonora, Texas, has purchased the flock of Ted Bailey Joy, Roosevelt, Texas. Ted Bailey is going away to school. Included in the sale were sixty-one ewes and 15 rams.

Dr. R. I. Port, Sundance, Wyoming, has sold a stud ram to Rawl A. Robinson, Alzada, Montana. Mrs. Port writes, "We are lambing the show sheep now (January) and the weather has been 20 degrees below, so it is really a chore. We have heat lamp incubators running all over the place, along with jackets on the lambs."

Calvin Miller, Rhame, North Dakota, reports some of his 1956 sales: Five registered yearling ewes to Lola Miller, Bowman, North Dakota, a 4-H Club member, at \$50.00 per head; rams to Vernon Miller, Rhame; Sam Olson, Ludlow, South Dakota; Raymond Beyer, Rhame; Bob Burdette, Bowman; Selmer Njos, Rhame; Olaf Anderson, Hettinger; Ray Lutes, Bowman; also a stud ram to Eugene, Laverne, and Wayne Miller for their 4-H Club ewes.

Hiram and Harold Price, Eden, Texas, have sold six registered ewes and a ram to S. E. Priest of Florence, Texas.

At long last!! By the time you receive this magazine, the Association will have started mailing copies of our new breed booklet to Association members and other interested people. It will take quite a while to mail close to a thousand copies of this booklet, so please be patient—we'll get them out just as quickly as possible. If you would like an extra copy or two for a friend, please write this office, 2709 Sherwood Way, San Angelo, Texas.

A new face has been added to the vast Rambouillet family: Mrs. A. D. (Charlotte) Harvey has been employed as a full-time assistant in the Association office, as of February 15.

TOUR STOCK YARDS

ON FEBRUARY 25, 45 F.F.A. and 4-H Club boys, accompanied by adult sponsors and W. H. Pittard, Vocational Agriculture teacher, Bertram; Foy Page, Vocational Agriculture teacher, Marble Falls, and James C. Sawyer, County Agent, Burnet, Texas, were conducted on an educational and livestock marketing tour and sale of commercial project lambs on the Union Stock Yards, San Antonio. This group from Burnet County consigned approximately 350 commercially fed project lambs and observed the selling of their lambs. The conducted tour included the central-terminal livestock market and a visit to one of the packing plants.

Mid-February rains soaked the Southwest in a gentle fall covering about an entire week. The moisture which ranged up to four inches in some areas was the most beneficial, most general in at least seven or eight years—perhaps longer. It did not fall fast enough, however, to furnish stock water to many areas.

In February most of the major Texas livestock auction firms were placed under the regulations of the Packers and Stockyards Act. Under the provisions of the act an operator must carry bond and must operate under much more supervision than formerly, including rigidly tested scales according to Federal specifications.

The Ranchers Feed Yards at Fort Stockton recently sold 1,900 head of two- and three-year-old ewes, Rambouillets, for Buddy Neal, Van Horn, at \$14 per head to Harvey Martin, San Angelo. The ewes were fall shorn and about to lamb.

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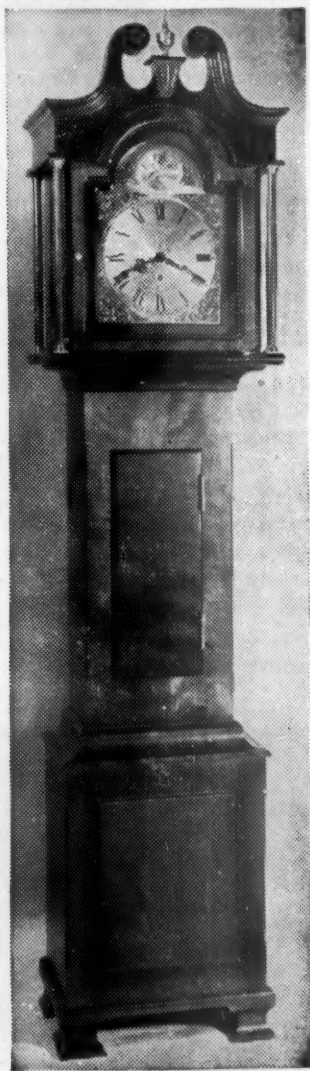
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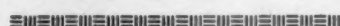
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Capeing the Angora Goat

By MELVIN CAMP

LEAVING A cape on the back of Angora goats is a practice many ranchers have been carrying out for the past fifteen years. Some ranchers shear their goats, leaving a cape only on the back, whereas most of them prefer to let the cape extend on up the neck to the head as well. This cape will give partial protection to goats after shearing in cold, rainy weather.

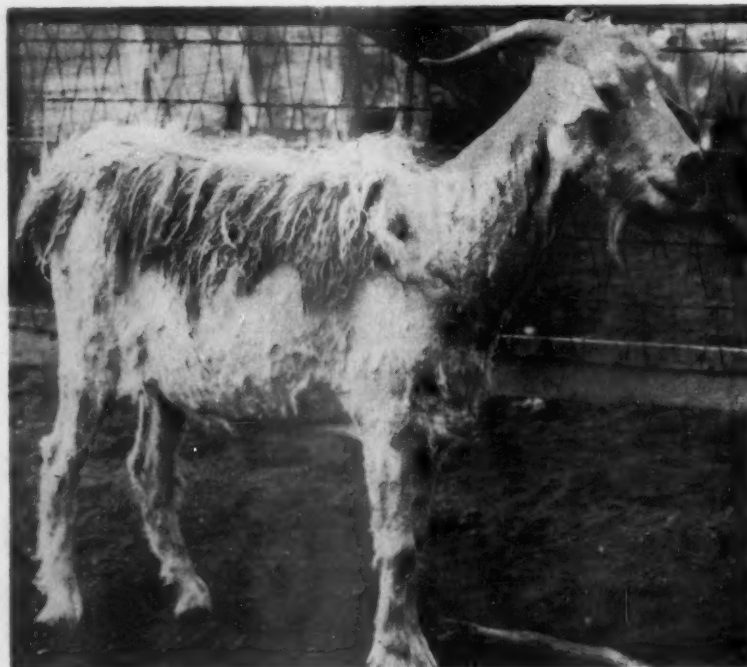
In the Edwards Plateau region of Texas shearing starts the first of February. Almost all breeders of registered Angora goats shear their buck kids the first day of February or a few days afterward so that they will have ample hair on them for the shows and sales in the summer. Range goats are shorn in the later winter and early spring before it gets warm and they start shedding. Goats also kid out better where they have been shorn. Because of the lack of shedding facilities on some ranches the method of capeing the goat has been practiced. This cape is usually left on until warm weather gets here and then shorn off. Some ranchers leave it until the fall shearing.

Recent rains have caused the death of an undetermined number of Angora goats, possibly 10,000 head during the month of February on the Edwards Plateau. These were mostly goats that had been shorn slick and then turned on the range without any protection.

Goats freshly shorn are very sensitive to wet weather, even when the temperature isn't down to freezing. Many goats die after being shorn slick when their skins get wet and slight winds chill them. Often death results from animals bunching near a fence or an area giving only slight protection, making them crowd, causing self-destruction. Some men have forgotten and left the gates shut to the shed only to awaken in the morning after a rainstorm to find a pile of dead goats.

The cape by no means is a substitute for a good shed since losses have occurred in freshly shorn goats with the cape on. It will give protection to them in such a manner that after shearing they will leave the shed areas and search for food. The goat sheared slick will tend to remain close to cover for several days after shearing if the weather is slightly cold or misty.

Should goats be caught in a rainstorm some distance from sheds or protected areas such as bluffs the caped goat can make it back before chilling, whereas the slick sheared goat will move until he chills. Then, about all he can do is stop, hump up, shake awhile, and let out one last plaintive bleat before he is buzzard bait.



The cape sometimes means the difference between life and death.

SHEEP TO ETHIOPIA

EARLY IN February a flock of 75 Rambouillet rams and 25 Rambouillet ewes were flown to Ethiopia by the U. S. Government. The ewes were from the H. McGee ranch south of Roswell, New Mexico, and the rams

from the Flying R ranch west of Roswell. These sheep from commercial flocks are to be crossed with Merinos owned by the Ethiopian Government in order to convert the Merinos, which have coats of hair, into wool producers.

No Time for Complacency in The Wool Industry

Of particular interest to the trade and industry at this time is a release by the Wool Bureau, Inc., of Factors in the Wool Outlook, prepared by Ruth Jackendorf, Director of the Department of Economics and Statistics of the Wool Bureau. The article is summarized as follows:

Factors in the Apparel Wool Outlook

THE INTENSITY of interfiber competition in the American textile economy allows no room for complacency to any single section, even if it appears to be in a fairly strong statistical position. In fact, it might be considered to be most vulnerable when its position is strongest, because at such a time its competitors tend to expand their marketing efforts. This was the position of apparel wool at the start of the New Year and, for this very reason, experience dictates a thorough-going examination of technical factors to appraise potential strength and weakness in the outlook.

In a general way only, the apparel wool situation at the beginning of the year might be described as mildly inflationary. Since every inflationary situation carries within itself the seeds of deflation, it is proposed to examine the important factors in the supply-demand situation to determine their present status and consider their possible direction over the near term. The net effect will be reflected in the future price of raw wool.

Supply

Trade stocks estimated at 50 million pounds, clean basis, on January 1, including 28 million CCC wools, equivalent to two months supply at 1956 rate of consumption.

Imports of apparel wool were 5% lower during first 11 months of 1956 than a year earlier. American participation in Dominion auctions appeared to have been minor in the fourth period of 1956.

The 1957 domestic clip is not available until after April 1 and virtually no 1956 wools remain in growers' hands.

Mill Consumption

Mill consumption rose on a year-to-year basis for 14 months until November of 1956. Net gain in apparel wool consumption for 1956 amounted to five percent, with worsted system consumption increasing three times as fast as consumption on the woolen system. Should this trend continue more raw wool would be consumed because worsteds use virtually no waste.

The first three-quarters of 1956 indicated the second year of recovery for apparel fabrics and the third year of decline for non-apparel fabrics. Present indications are for a moderate fourth-quarter rise in production and continued into the first quarter of 1957.

Consumer Demand

The retail clothing business during 1956 was considered good, with particular emphasis on quality rather than price. A growing preference for wool-content clothing was expressed by consumers. Although retailers are in a good position with inventories reduced and a good season behind them, it is questionable whether consumer clothing expenditures will continue through 1957 at the same pace as in 1956.

Retail Prices

Prices of most manufactured goods are expected to reflect higher labor and raw material costs at the manufacturing level during the last half of 1957, however, the recent history of retail prices of wool products indicates considerable absorption of the mill, with the stability of these prices over a number of years creating consumer confidence in the value of wool products. This maintenance of price level has not the public favor toward increases which appear likely in the near future.

Raw Wool Prices

The prices of domestic wool in Boston have gradually been moving up to prices of foreign wool as

dwindling supplies forced up the bidding. At the beginning of the year, rough comparisons, including allowances for better preparation of Dominion wools, show that the differential between comparable grades of domestic and Australian wool had virtually been eliminated. As Boston prices approximately reflect replacement costs in primary markets, some acceleration in foreign purchases should be anticipated to ease the supply situation before the arrival of new clip domestic wools.

Of greater importance to the competitive position of wool textiles in the home market is the differential between raw wool and competitive fibers. For about two years, retail wool goods prices had the advantage over competitive textiles of lower raw material costs combined with traditional standards of quality and performance.

Any widespread tendency in the direction of down-grading wool in use in an effort to maintain competitive price advantage would automatically exert pressure on the top side of the wool price structure.

The individual factors in the domestic wool situation at the beginning of 1957 appeared to be more heavily weighted toward an inflationary than a deflationary view of the outlook. For this very reason, the potential deflationary factors are likely to gain force as competition from other fibers is reflected in the retail price structure.

MESQUITE TREES WORTH MORE DEAD THAN ALIVE

A LIVE mesquite tree 10 inches in diameter will use a ton of water to produce a pound of beans, according to Extension Specialist G. O. Hoffman at Texas A. & M. College. That same ton of water, he says, could produce four pounds of good grass. For five cents, he says, the tree can be killed, and if it isn't, it could represent a yearly loss of about \$9.00. To get rid of mesquite, preferably during the winter months, Hoffman recommends mixing one gallon of 2,4,5-T with 40 gallons of oil. The cost of treating a four-inch mesquite, he says, is 1½ cents.

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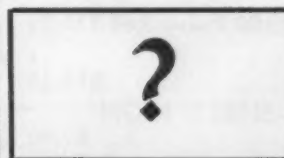
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Range Talk

At a meeting of the Polled Hereford Association in Fort Worth in late January, Carl Sheffield of Brooksmith was named president and Joe Weedon of Grosvenor, secretary.

Jack Drake, San Angelo, shipped early in February from Uvalde to northern feeders 1,350 fall-shorn mixed lambs. The lambs were purchased from several places at \$17 cwt. and averaged 70 pounds.

March 12th is the date set by Miles Pierce, Alpine Rambouillet breeder, for his annual sheep judging field day for Sul Ross State College agriculture students.

H. R. Sites and Son of Wimberly, Texas, recently sold ten does and one buck to a Michigan farmer for delivery in June.

George Tomlinson of Del Rio was reported early in February to have

sold around 1,500 fall-shorn lambs to the Shirley Livestock Commission Company of Fort Worth at 17 cents a pound.

The Central Texas Registered Angora Goat Breeders Sale will be held August 31 in Goldthwaite, at the F.F.A. Agricultural barn. There will be 100 bucks and 25 does offered for sale.

Bobby Bredemeyer, Winters, Texas, young sheep breeder, has purchased the first place two-tooth Hampshire ram of the Fort Worth show from Armentrout and Donley of Plano.

The Bill Blanks ranch in Edwards County of approximately 725 acres, through which runs a small spring-fed creek, was recently sold to J. E. Morrison of Liberty, Texas. The price was not disclosed.

Lem Jones has sold his home in Junction and is moving to Copperas Cove where he has been operating a trailer camp for some time. He will continue his livestock auction ring operations from Copperas Cove.

R. B. Boyle, Route 1, Havana, Arkansas, writes the magazine that a sheep shearer will be needed in his neighborhood the middle of April. He says he can guarantee 500 head.

The Harry W. Dietert Plateau Ranch of Kerr County, mentioned elsewhere in this issue as having been sold to R. A. Cotter, Junction, brought \$62.50 per acre, it is reported.

FRANK STEEN RETIRES

FRANK STEEN writes that after thirty-one years of service (thirteen with E. B. Chandler & Co. as land appraiser, and eighteen with the Aetna Life Insurance Company as ranch loan supervisor) the Aetna Life Company is retiring him on April 1.

He will continue to have his desk in the E. B. Chandler & Co. office, 106 East Crockett Street, San Antonio, and if he can be of any service to his friends or clients of E. B. Chandler & Co. and the Aetna, he will be pleased to do so.

Editor's Note: Congratulations and good luck, Frank.

UVALDE SHOW

THE CHAMPIONS in the Uvalde County Junior Livestock Sheep and Goat Show held on February 2 were:

Champion Angora buck kid, Danny Chaney, Utopia; Angora doe kid, exhibited by Toni Kay Marsh, Uvalde, sold to Carlton Marsh for \$260. Also grand champion goat of the show.

The commercial fine wool ewe lambs, Joe Nell and Elmer Herndon, Montell; champion fine wool fat lamb, Keith Sutherland, Jr., sold for \$1.10 per pound to L. Schwartz Co. The reserve champion fine wool fat lamb shown by Ben Reavis, Utopia, sold for 60c per pound to Uvalde Rotary Club. The champion pair of fine wool fat lambs were also shown by Keith Sutherland, Jr. The champion mutton-type fat lamb, shown by Diane Fisher, Utopia, sold to Jack Richardson for \$2.20. Reserve champion mutton-type lamb shown by Joe Duke, sold to Paul Redden, Utopia, for 75c per pound.

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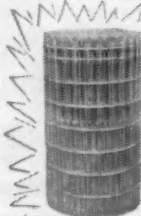
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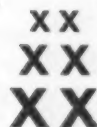
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